



# Annual Report 2017

Year ended March 31, 2017



# Sharing Passion & Performance

As the world's largest comprehensive musical instruments manufacturer, the Yamaha Group has expanded its business while responding to a wide variety of needs related to music, education, and culture. During this expansion, the Group has continued to provide technologies, products, and services that help inspire culture for people around the world. Going forward, to become an enterprise whose existence is even more essential in people's daily lives, we will further enhance our brand power and performance by creating new kinds of excitement and cultural inspiration.





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### Forward-looking statements

The plans and strategies regarding Yamaha's future prospects presented in this annual report have been drawn up by the Company's management based on information available at the time of writing and, therefore, are subject to risks and uncertainties. Accordingly, our actual performance may differ significantly from our predictions depending on changes in the operating and economic environments, demand trends, the value of key currencies, such as the U.S. dollar and the euro, technological advancements, and developments in intellectual property litigation.

# Key Dynamics



## Technology

Since its founding in 1887, Yamaha has spent many years cultivating technologies and sensibilities in the world of sound and music. These technologies and sensibilities have provided the core for the Company's growth. Yamaha has also accumulated expertise and know-how in the manufacturing of acoustic musical instruments. Additionally, in the field of digital instruments and audio equipment, the Company has worked to develop ground-breaking electronics technology that makes use of such expertise and know-how.

As a result of these efforts, we have created unique products that combine traditional technologies and the latest digital technologies, thereby creating distinctive music and new value.



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Years of accumulated  
technological capabilities





## Human Resources

The individual strengths of each employee are indispensable for supporting the Company's growth and continuing to accentuate the Yamaha brand on a global scale. In every stage of our business, including technological development, manufacturing, sales, and services, our employees around the world carry on the spirit of their predecessors and share a strong passion for their work. Going forward, we will leverage the individual craftsmanship skills of our employees to realize sustainable growth.

**28,113**

Number of employees in **31**  
countries around the world



# Performance

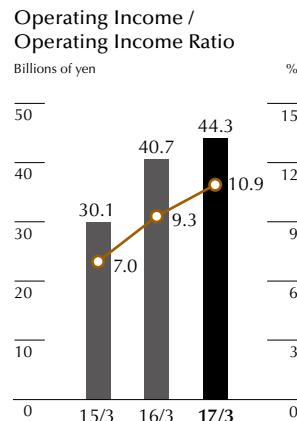
## Results for the First Year of NEXT STAGE 12

**10.9%**

**Operating  
income to sales**

(for the first year of NEXT STAGE 12)

Under the current medium-term management plan NEXT STAGE 12, the Yamaha Group aims to boost brand power to become a highly profitable enterprise and has adopted the management objective of realizing an operating income ratio of 12% by fiscal 2019 (the year ending March 31, 2019). In fiscal 2017, the year ended March 31, 2017, we achieved record levels of operating income and net income for the fifth consecutive year. In addition, we realized double-digit growth in the operating income to sales ratio for the first time ever. Regarding the results for the first year of NEXT STAGE 12, we believe we made steady progress toward achieving the plan's targets.





## Results of Efforts to Increase Customers

With NEXT STAGE 12, we have adopted four key strategies: develop products with distinct individuality, enhance customer interaction, continually expand distribution, and strengthen global business platforms. As for the results of initiatives we undertook in fiscal 2017, we increased the number of new sales locations around the world in our musical instruments business, which allowed us to realize double-digit sales growth on an actual basis in China. In the audio equipment business, we pursued efforts to increase transactions with audio contractors, thereby achieving a year-on-year increase of over ¥10.0 billion in profit. To reach the targets of NEXT STAGE 12 and to realize our medium- to long-term management vision, which extends beyond the period of the plan, we will continue to undertake various initiatives geared toward accelerating growth.

**22.4%**

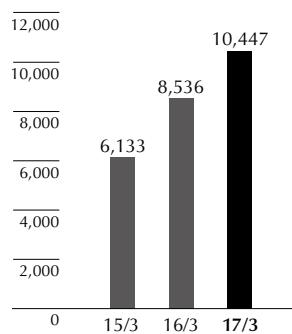
Operating income growth in the audio equipment segment

**12.1%**  
Actual sales growth  
in the musical  
instruments segment  
in China



Operating Income for Audio Equipment Segment

Millions of yen



# Enthusiasm

## “Sharing Passion & Performance”

Constantly emphasizing the concepts laid out in its corporate philosophy, "With our unique expertise and sensibilities, gained from our devotion to sound and music, we are committed to creating excitement and cultural inspiration together with people around the world," the Yamaha Group will use the power of sound to respond to people's needs and passion, providing solutions to music scenes while expanding its business activities in a sustainable manner.





# Management Strategy

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## To Our Stakeholders



Takuya Nakata  
President and  
Representative Executive Officer

Currently, Yamaha is moving forward with NEXT STAGE 12, its three-year medium-term management plan ending in fiscal 2019. In fiscal 2017, the first year of this plan, net sales decreased over ¥30.0 billion compared with the previous fiscal year due to the effects of foreign exchange rates. These unfavorable exchange rates also had a negative impact of over ¥10.0 billion in terms of operating income. However, in addition to an increase in sales on an actual basis, the Company was able to achieve increases at each income level for the fifth consecutive year through such efforts as revising selling prices and steadily promoting initiatives to lower costs. While operating income rose 8.9%, to ¥44.3 billion, I view the improvement in our operating income ratio as our greatest achievement for fiscal 2017. Thanks to the success of selling price revisions and cost reduction initiatives, the operating income ratio improved 1.6 points, to 10.9%. To reach our target operating income ratio of 12% under NEXT STAGE 12, we hope for a 1-point improvement each year from the fiscal 2016 level of 9.3%, for a total increase of 3 points over the three-year period of the plan. I believe that the solid progress we made in the first year of the plan reflects the fact that our strategies and initiatives are headed in the right direction.

In fiscal 2018, the second year of the plan, we are planning for operating income of ¥48.5 billion and an operating income ratio of 11.4%. This is an ambitious plan that aims to surpass our record high operating income of ¥45.1 billion, which was recorded in fiscal 2004. At that time, the semiconductor business was performing extremely well, accounting for over half of the Company's profits, and our core businesses of musical instruments and audio equipment were not making significant profit contributions. However, now, we are steadily enhancing profitability, primarily in our musical instruments and audio equipment

businesses, through structural and organizational reforms. This means that our core businesses are now the ones driving profit growth. Leveraging an ideal business structure that generates profits through our mainstay products of musical instruments and audio equipment, we will put forth every effort to realize record-high profits.

To continue to realize growth and constantly offer new value and solutions to our customers around the world, not only do we have to enhance our brand power and pursue innovative product development, we must also carry out structural and organizational reforms. In addition to the organizational reforms that we have already completed, we revised the organizational model of our corporate governance in June 2017, transitioning from a Company with a Board of Auditors to Company with Three Committees (Nominating, Audit, and Compensation). Through this transition, we will strengthen the supervisory functions of the Company's management. At the same time, we will further accelerate the pace of decision-making related to business execution by transferring authority to those in the newly established position of executive officer.

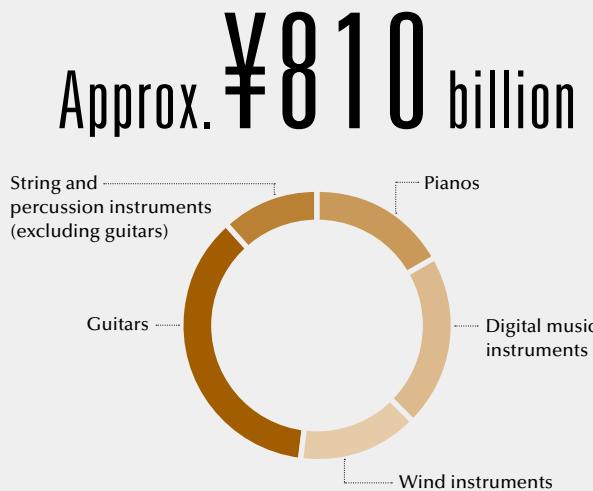
While having made steady progress in the first year of the current medium-term management plan, we will remain committed to making every effort possible to achieve the plan's targets and realize our medium- to long-term management vision of "Becoming an Indispensable, Brilliantly Individual Company." To this end, we will leverage Yamaha's unique strengths, which include its technological and proposal-making capabilities, sensibilities, and diversity, to their full extent while boldly taking on challenges to address various issues. We ask all of our stakeholders for their continued support as we pursue these endeavors going forward.

## Yamaha's Highlights

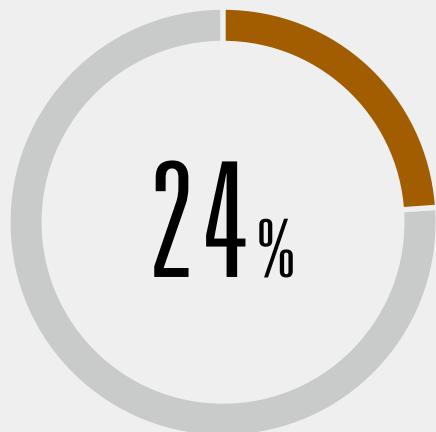
# Yamaha Market Share by Musical Instrument

(based on amounts for fiscal 2017, Yamaha estimates)

### Global Market Size for Musical Instruments



### Yamaha Market Share for Musical Instruments



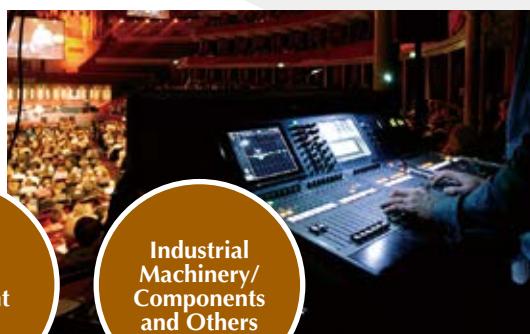
## Yamaha's Business Domains

### Enriched Lives



Musical Instruments

### Comfortable Society



Industrial Machinery/  
Components and Others



Technology that Crosses  
Over Sound and People

Yamaha's core competencies

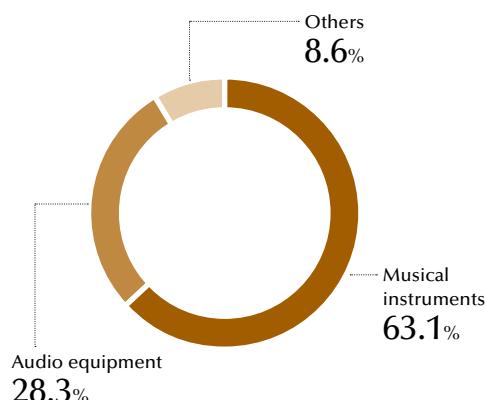
# Key Financial Figures

(fiscal 2017)

Net Sales  
¥408.2 billion  
- 6.3 % ↘

ROE  
14.0 %  
+3.9 points ↗

Segment Sales Composition

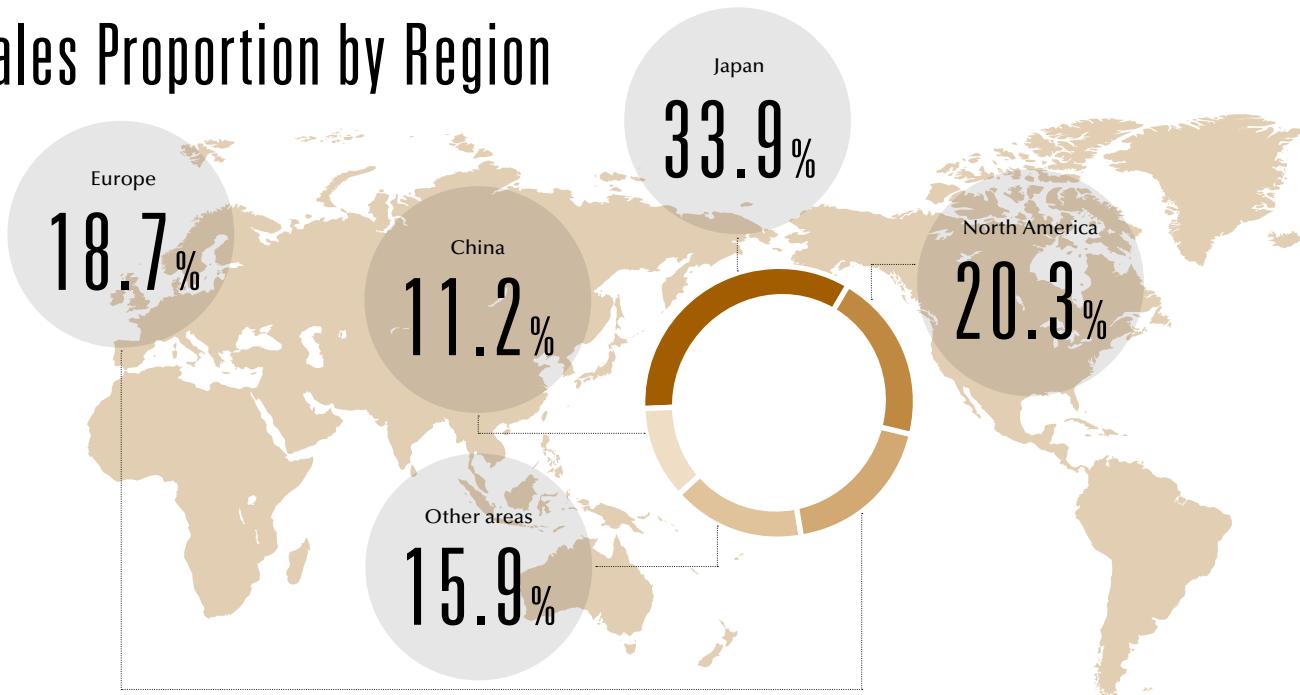


Operating Income  
¥44.3 billion  
+8.9 % ↗

Free Cash Flow  
¥29.5 billion  
- 31.4 % ↘

Net Income  
¥46.7 billion  
+43.2 % ↗

# Sales Proportion by Region



## Message from the President



Under NEXT STAGE 12, our current medium-term management plan ending in fiscal 2019, we are drawing on the structural reforms we carried out in our two previous medium-term management plans—YMP125 and YMP2016—to further enhance our brand power. In doing so, we aim to become a highly profitable enterprise with an operating income of 12%, an ROE around the 10% level, and an EPS at the ¥200 level, even amid yen appreciation. In fiscal 2017, we were able to achieve significant results by enhancing profitability. In this section, I would like to talk about the progress we are making under NEXT STAGE 12 as well as the specific results we have achieved thus far.

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### Fiscal 2017—Making Steady Progress in the First Year of the Current Medium-Term Management Plan

In contrast to the favorable foreign exchange rates in the previous fiscal year, yen appreciation in the fiscal year under review led to a ¥33.4 billion decrease in net sales and also placed downward pressure on operating income to the extent of ¥11.1 billion. However, we were able to overcome the negative impact of yen appreciation and realize profit increases due to a rise in sales on an actual basis, primarily in the musical instruments and audio equipment businesses, as well as efforts to reduce costs and revise selling prices.

Looking at each business segment, sales declined in the musical instruments segment due to unfavorable foreign exchange rates and the negative effect of the transfer of musical school management. However, excluding the impact of foreign exchange rates, double-digit sales growth was recorded in China on an actual basis and a strong performance was realized in each market aside from Japan. In addition to our mainstay pianos and digital musical instruments, nearly every product group, including guitars, enjoyed healthy sales. Turning to the audio equipment segment, while foreign exchange rates had a negative impact, we achieved double-digit sales growth in Japan and North America on an actual basis that excludes this impact, in addition to realizing solid sales in Europe. By securing sales increases on an actual basis and working to further reduce costs and revise selling prices, operating income in the

## Positioning of the Current Medium-Term Management Plan, NEXT STAGE 12



audio equipment segment exceeded ¥10.0 billion and the operating income ratio reached 9%. This means that we have already achieved our fiscal 2019 target for this segment's operating income ratio under NEXT STAGE 12. In the others segment, the golf business performed strongly, with profits increasing significantly compared with the previous fiscal year. While we had initially anticipated a profit decrease in this segment, solid sales of new golf products and a recovery in the gross margin of the electronic devices business allowed us to realize significant improvement in profitability.

To provide an overview from the perspective of our major products, sales steadily grew in all product categories. Among these, sales of digital musical instruments returned to a course for growth at the beginning of the calendar year after recording negative growth in 2016 from fall to winter, confirming once again the underlying strength of these products. In addition, while we consistently aim for

10% growth in sales of PA equipment, sales in fiscal 2017 increased only 8%. Although this represents a slightly unsatisfactory result numerically, if we break down this growth, we see that commercial audio equipment—a mainstay product for PA equipment—recorded double-digit sales growth, up 12%. I therefore believe that PA equipment performed extremely well.

### Seeing Significant Results from Initiatives to Strengthen Profitability

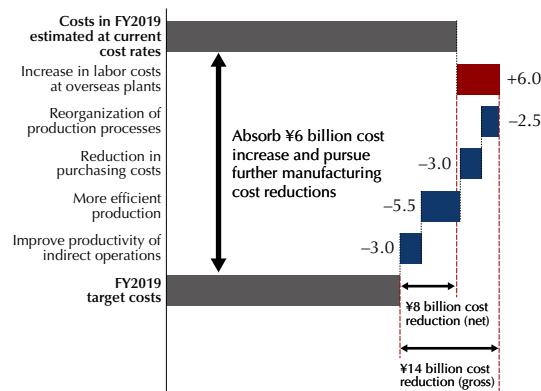
Over the three years of NEXT STAGE 12, we aim for a gross reduction in costs totaling ¥14.0 billion. This reduction will more than offset the increase in labor costs, representing a net reduction of ¥8.0 billion. In fiscal 2017, we worked to improve production efficiency through such means as switching to in-house production of components, promoting new production methods, and shifting to mechanization.

Furthermore, we reduced procurement and administrative costs by integrating purchasing and procurement operations by area, rather than conducting these operations by factory, as we have done in the past. As a result of these efforts, we realized cost reductions totaling ¥4.9 billion.

Another major result we achieved was the revisions we made to selling prices. In fiscal 2017 alone, selling price revisions helped improve profits by ¥3.5 billion. Selling price revisions are not a measure we carry out with the purpose of raising prices. For example, after thoroughly examining the strengths of a product, if we believe that lowering its selling price will lead to higher sales volumes and, in turn, higher profits, then we will lower the price. However, I have repeatedly called for raising the selling price of products that have a relatively inexpensive price in comparison with their quality and demand. Moreover, we are currently carrying out thorough selling price revisions in conjunction with the launch of new products. In the past, when introducing a new product into the market, we often kept the selling price of a product at the same level as existing products even if said product had better performance. However, I have stressed the importance of selecting an appropriate selling price commensurate with the value of a product. As this idea takes hold, I believe profitability will naturally rise each time we improve the strength of a product.

#### Continually Reduce Costs

Billions of yen



#### Revising Our Organization and Accelerating the Development of Highly Competitive Products

By revising product development structure by business and centralizing the expertise and technological capabilities that were previously scattered throughout the Company, we are now able to provide products with even higher added value. For example, in terms of IoT, which has become a keyword recently, we have developed a product that combines hybrid pianos with network technologies. The technological capabilities of this product were highly praised when the product was on display at a trade show. As for the combination of audio products and network technologies, in January 2017, we announced the release of an audio product that is compatible with Amazon Echo, Amazon's audio assistant device that is equipped with the voice recognition function Alexa. This announcement was met with an extremely positive response, and we are looking forward to commencing sales of this equipment in the fall. We hope to accelerate these kinds of technological combinations after the construction of our Innovation Center, which is scheduled to be completed in spring 2018.

#### Emphasizing the Importance of Marketing Strategies

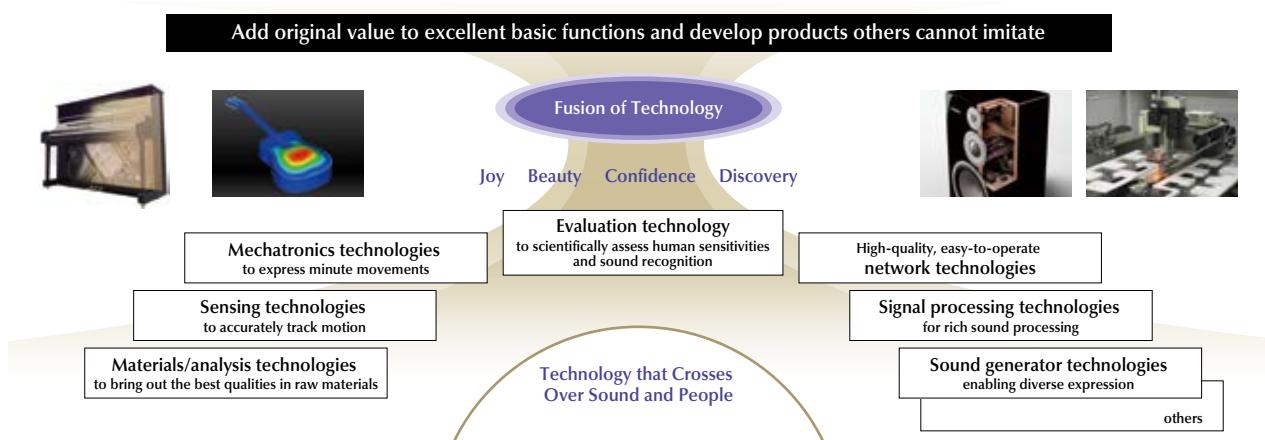
As Yamaha has traditionally been a manufacturer, we have had a tendency to adhere to a "product out" approach that focused on the idea that products will sell if they are high quality. Accordingly, we did not place importance on sales strategies that emphasize marketing. As a result, I believe that there have been many instances in which we were unable to leverage the full potential of the Yamaha brand. If we want to expand our lineup of premium products that have a significant difference between manufacturing cost and selling price, strong brand power is a must. To establish such brand power, we have decided to more thoroughly incorporate marketing in our business strategies, and we established the Company's first-ever marketing division in 2016. In collaboration with local subsidiaries, we are currently realizing solid results in new product planning and development that place the needs of customers first. In addition, we have established specific KPI and are moving forward with discussions on how to further enhance our marketing activities. On average, we develop and launch over 200 product models a year. By putting the needs of the market and our customers first, we have shortened the time

between product design and product launch, which, in conjunction with our technological capabilities, has allowed us to hammer out highly competitive products that can secure solid profits. I believe this is an extremely significant accomplishment.

Our tasks going forward are to enhance the Yamaha brand itself and promote well-balanced marketing strategies. In terms of enhancing the Yamaha brand, investigations we have carried out have shown us that Yamaha's brand image differs greatly by country and region. We therefore plan to enhance our corporate brand by investing a certain amount of funds to customize and promote the appeal of the Yamaha brand by country. Meanwhile, for marketing

strategies, we will focus our efforts on newly developed network audio products. At the same time, we will invest funds to promote the capabilities of our guitars, a product category that has faced various issues. Demand for guitars has been rising in China, and our guitar marketing efforts in the country have enjoyed great success. As a result, we are now able to sell not only low-end guitars but also medium- to high-end guitars. Without limiting ourselves to China, we will pursue marketing strategies in a variety of countries and regions that focus on a solid balance between the sale of affordable products that customers can easily enjoy and the sale of high-class products that give customers a sense of satisfaction in owning.

## Develop Products with Distinctive Individuality



### Adopting a New Perspective in Expanding Our Customer Network

Focusing on customers in domains in which we have yet to do business, we have divided our customer network into two categories—consumers, and corporate clients and B2B customers—and are promoting initiatives in each. For consumers, we are steadily expanding our sales network and pursuing activities to popularize music based on local needs. In fiscal 2017, we held events in Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Russia, and other countries targeting people who

have yet to have the opportunity to play and enjoy musical instruments. In Vietnam, we worked together with public elementary schools to create educational music programs that also worked to nurture music teachers. Held after school, these programs use musical instruments provided by the Company to communicate the appeal of musical instruments to both students and teachers alike. As of March 2017, these programs have been held at 250 elementary schools in Vietnam. We hope that efforts such as these lead to increased enrollment in our musical schools and purchases of our musical instruments.

For our corporate clients and B2B customers, we are working to establish audio contractors as a new sales route. When selling audio equipment, we have been realizing solid results by having our sales staff and specialized technicians expand their focus by approaching not only audio technicians but also other parties such as electrical

equipment companies. Furthermore, the need for connection with information networks is rising alongside the need for audio networks. As we possess routers and other communications equipment, we hope to increase sales by establishing a support structure that can sufficiently respond to the need for both audio and information networks.

## Forge Stronger, Broader Ties with Customers

Consumers	Corporate Clients and B2B Customers
<p><b>Respond to market expansion and diverse needs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expand sales channel <u>Increase the number of contract dealers worldwide by 10%</u> Mature markets: Secure channels through other industries Emerging countries: Expand from urban to regional areas</li><li>• Promote music popularization activity to suit local needs <u>Join activities with public and corporate sectors</u> ASEAN region: Promote music education in public elementary schools Latin America: Support local youth orchestra</li></ul>	<p><b>Develop value we provide to customers as a solutions vendor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthen personnel and service bases to improve support to customers <u>Increase the number of accounts to audio contractors by 50%</u> Increase the number of technical and other staff worldwide, supporting audio contractors by about 80</li><li>• Expand products and services to meet customer needs <u>Offer new solutions in tune with social changes</u> Better reflect customer needs in product development through support activities Develop and provide new product offerings in the industrial machinery and components business</li></ul>



## Establishing a Structure for Nurturing Global Human Resources

Overseas sales already account for two-thirds, or 66%, of the Company's total sales, and we have 53 overseas locations located in 31 different countries and regions. Under NEXT STAGE 12, we aim to strengthen our global marketing capabilities and reduce costs. To do so, we believe it is essential to transfer authority to the local personnel in each country and develop human resources that are active on a global scale. Based on this belief, we are promoting a global grading system for professional positions in each country as well as the cross-border stationing of personnel. As part of such efforts, we established a global human resources division in 2016 and worked to improve motivation by clarifying the position, role, and career plan of each employee at our overseas locations. For example, top management positions at overseas subsidiaries have traditionally been given to Japanese employees. However, in 2016, we appointed a German national to the top management role at our European subsidiary. In doing so, we conveyed to local staff that anyone can have the opportunity of being in a top management role. As such, the attitude of these employees has

changed and they have been carrying out their work duties with an even higher level of earnestness. While the top management roles at our U.S. subsidiaries are still held by Japanese employees, the example set by our European subsidiaries has changed the way our American staff approach their work. In all areas of operations, there has been a heightened awareness toward budget attainment and a significant change in employee behavior and expression. This is something that I am extremely pleased with. Additionally, there has been an increase in overseas hires taking on positions at our headquarters in Japan. This has naturally led to our Japanese staff developing a more diverse, global perspective, in addition to many other synergistic effects.

## Steadily Planting Seeds in Our Industrial Machinery and Components Business

In NEXT STAGE 12, we have positioned the industrial machinery and components business as our third key domain. As such, we aim to establish a solid foundation for this business during the three-year period of the plan. Due to the fact that this business will not offer products to consumers, we do not expect to promptly realize results.

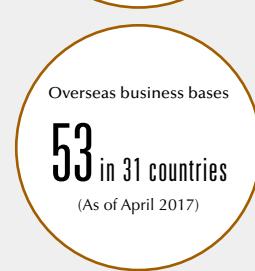
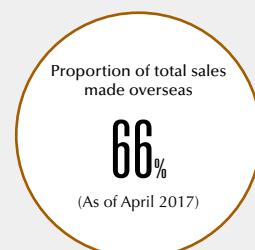
## Develop Human Resources to Support Global Business Operations and Reinforce Infrastructure

### Facilitate international careers

- Establish global core positions (approx. 200) to implement global grading system
- Promote cross-border personnel assignment
- Select candidates for core positions of the next generation and promote development program

### Optimize IT, logistics, finance, and administrative functions on a global scale

- Establish regional IT headquarters in three regions: Europe, U.S., and Japan (Asia)
  - Establish 24-hour surveillance and service system using resources in the three regions
- Build efficient logistics system
  - Aim for logistics cost reductions through optimizing distribution network, improving efficiency of packing and lading, centralizing procurement distribution, and promoting application of preferential tariffs
- Prepare for introduction of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)\*
  - \* Consider introduction of IFRS in fiscal 2020
    - Aim for improvement in possibilities for international comparability of financial information and uniformity in Group financial information
- Strengthen global support systems of HQ corporate staff
  - Improve management level of regional offices in all countries



However, we plan to plant seeds in the first one to two years of this business that will allow it to contribute to profits from its third year and onward.

To develop the industrial machinery and components business into a third business pillar, we will leverage the technology and know-how we possess in our musical instruments and audio equipment businesses. For industrial machinery and components, we will transform from a semiconductor manufacturer to a solutions vendor that provides added value by offering modules in a packaged format that include signal processors, microphones, and speakers. The diverse range of technologies that we possess includes sound processing and recognition technologies, and, for signal processing, we have a solid track record in terms of devices and software. With these technologies, we are setting our sights on the onboard device market. There are various noises that occur inside a vehicle, and, by their very nature, automobiles make for a rather poor sound environment. Accordingly, we intend to offer automobile and other manufacturers a package of products—including semiconductors—that provide solutions to counter this. As equipment for automobiles needs to be highly reliable, it is necessary to carry out extensive verification tests for these products over and over again. We are currently getting involved in such tests and hope to gradually transition to the phase of launching products in the near future. At the same time, we

are working to develop thermoelectric solutions that address issues related to exhaust gas and fuel consumption with the aim of realizing a more eco-friendly motorized society.

### Aiming for Record-High Operating Income in Fiscal 2018

While there are many uncertain elements in the business environment in fiscal 2018, we anticipate an increase in sales and profit as our most recent forecasts indicate an exchange rate of ¥110 per US\$1 and ¥120 per €1. We expect operating income to rise ¥4.2 billion, to ¥48.5 billion. While SG&A expenses will be higher due to strategic investments in marketing, new product development, and other areas, we aim to continue the steady profit increases that occurred in fiscal 2017 through higher sales and production volumes, selling price revisions, and cost reductions.

In the musical instruments segment, we forecast an increase in both sales and profits, driven by double-digit sales growth in the Chinese market. For markets that experienced stagnant growth in fiscal 2017, we anticipate high levels of growth through the introduction of new products. In the audio equipment segment, not only do we expect PA equipment to act as a major growth driver, we also anticipate higher sales and profits based on the continued healthy

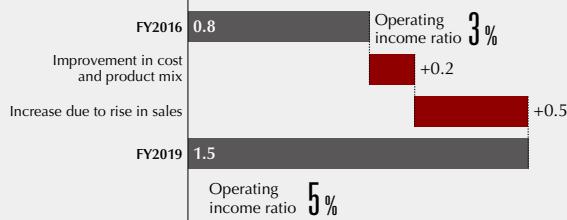
## Industrial Machinery and Components

Establish the third platform of Yamaha's business as provider of solutions offering comfort, safe, and security

**Net Sales**  
Billions of yen



**Operating Income**  
Billions of yen



Transform the business from a semiconductor manufacturer to a solutions vendor, thereby building a foundation for growth through expansion in product lineups and customer base

### Expanding product lineups and customer base and enhancing customer support system in onboard device market

- Offer total sound solutions achieving pleasant and comfortable sound targeted at the trend toward vehicles becoming living spaces as connected cars become commonplace
- Develop thermoelectric solutions with a view to creating eco-friendly motorized societies
- Assign design personnel to strengthen response to customers in the U.S.



### Developing products for home healthcare market

- Develop new solutions that contribute to healthy everyday living by applying Yamaha's sound and sensor technologies



### Launching new products into industrial machinery market

- Lead the industry in FPC testing equipment with further enhanced testing capability
- Launch hydrogen-based leak testing equipment
- Expand customer support system in China and Taiwan

performance of new AV products. As I mentioned earlier, we have already achieved our fiscal 2019 target of 9% for this segment's operating income ratio. However, we expect that the effect of higher sales will boost the ratio to 9.3%. In the others segment, we forecast that structural reforms will lead to higher profits. For sales, we anticipate similar levels as those of fiscal 2017 as growth in the industrial machinery and components business as well as the golf business will help offset the negative impact on sales totaling ¥2.0 billion that will accompany the transfer of resort facilities.

### Raising Awareness and Accelerating Product Development at Local Subsidiaries

While there are areas of operations that are experiencing stagnant sales growth, including certain countries and regions in Asia, Central and South America, and the Near and Middle East, we aim to achieve solid sales growth in all regions without using sluggish economic conditions as an excuse. Accordingly, we have provided instruction to our local subsidiaries to actively increase new accounts by revising sales activities that have relied on traditional sales routes.

### Forecast for Performance in Fiscal 2018

	FY2017 (Billions of yen)	FY2018 projections*1	Changes from the previous year	Year-on-year percentage change
<b>Net Sales</b>	408.2	427	+18.8	+4.6%
<b>Operating Income</b>	44.3	48.5	+4.2	+9.5%
<b>(Operating Income Ratio)</b>	(10.9%)	(11.4%)		
<b>Ordinary Income</b>	44.9	48.5	+3.6	+8.0%
<b>(Ordinary Income Ratio)</b>	(11.0%)	(11.4%)		
<b>Net Income*2</b>	46.7	39	-7.7	-16.5%
<b>(Net Income Ratio)</b>	(11.4%)	(9.1%)		
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<b>Exchange Rate (Yen)</b>		<b>FY2017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>	
<b>Net Sales (Average rate during the period)</b>		US\$ 108	110	
EUR 119		120		
<b>Operating Income (Settlement rate)</b>		US\$ 108	110	
EUR 121		120		

\*1 Announced on May 1, 2017

\*2 Net income is presented as net income attributable to owners of parent on the consolidated financial statements.

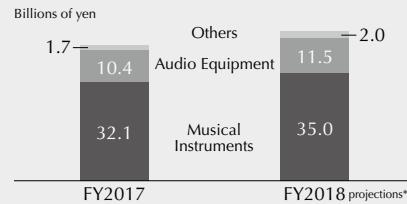
### Net Sales



### Impact of Exchange Rates (Billions of yen)

Year on year	Musical Instruments +2.4	Audio Equipment +1.2	Others +0.1
	+3.7		

### Operating Income



### Impact of Exchange Rates (Billions of yen)

Year on year	Musical Instruments -0.2	Audio Equipment -0.3
	-0.5	

By transitioning from a business-specific product development structure to a function-specific organizational structure, we have already achieved a remarkable increase in the speed of product development. However, considering the recent pace of technological innovations, we have yet to reach sufficient results. With the aim of enhancing our product development and marketing capabilities, we have been making reforms to our conventional organizational structure since April, establishing a new organization that integrates product development and marketing divisions. Under this new organization, we will further strengthen and accelerate product development going forward.

### Creating ESG Value Unique to Yamaha

We recognize that a company that lacks awareness toward ESG is a company that will no longer be accepted by society. Based on this recognition, we are promoting a wide variety of ESG-related initiatives within NEXT STAGE 12.

We believe that, as a company, we should work to resolve social issues through the products and services we provide. For example, we have been promoting activities to popularize music in regions with poor public safety for

over 10 years. These efforts have helped play a role in reducing misconduct and improving public safety in such regions. While this is only one example of our many social initiatives, we believe that the resolution of social issues helps create business opportunities for the Company over the medium to long term.

From the perspective of the environment, a company's approach can be categorized as "defensive" or "offensive." As an example of a "defensive" approach, we are increasing our utilization of timber from certified forests where wood materials are managed in an appropriate and legal manner. As a corporate group that makes use of timber, we view the sustainable procurement of resources as a high-priority issue. Meanwhile, to improve our product strength and enhance our competitiveness, we are conducting research on raw wood materials within the research process for sound, as one of our "offensive" approaches. We believe that we can utilize the expertise we have gained through such research to develop a substitute material for timber in the event that its use becomes restricted under environmental regulations in the future. These kinds of environmentally conscious initiatives provide us with a sharp competitive edge.

## E Environmental

Promote activities to create a sustainable society by reducing environmental impact

### (1) Reduce environmental impact in business processes

- Use timber sustainably
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions



Yamaha Forest reforestation activity in Indonesia



### (2) Enhance development of environmentally friendly products and technologies

- Develop environmentally friendly materials (develop alternative materials for rare wood, etc.)

#### • Encourage Yamaha Eco-Products Program\*

\* Program to promote environmentally friendly products certified in accordance with original Yamaha standards



- Develop technologies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions (thermoelectric devices, hydrogen sensors, etc.)

## S Social

Promote activities to create a sustainable society through responding to social issues, enhancing employment policies, etc.

### (1) Enhance development of products and services that address issues facing society

- Apply sound-related knowledge and technology, and introduce more universal design products



Wearable Sensors for Healthcare field

### (2) Develop regional community-based business (music popularization activities, cultural events, and corporate citizenship activities)

- Resolve social issues through music and contribute to community development



El Sistema (Photo: Provided by Fundamusical)

### (3) Take systematic initiatives to promote diversity, socially responsible procurement, and respect for human rights

- Carry out activities in line with the United Nations Global Compact\*

\* Signed by Yamaha in 2011

## G Governance

Continue to improve organizational structures and mechanisms to maintain and advance transparent, highly effective management that operates in an appropriate and prompt manner

### (1) Corporate Governance Initiatives

**Yamaha transitioned to a Company with Three Committees (Nominating, Audit, and Compensation) on June 22, 2017.**

#### • Enhance the overall management oversight function

- Board of Directors to consist of 9 members (two-thirds of whom will be outside directors)
- Nominating Committee, Audit Committee, and Compensation Committee to be established as provided for by law  
(Each Committee includes a majority of outside directors)

#### • Speed up the execution of management

- New executive officer structure: 7 executive officers  
Board of Directors to delegate extensive authority to executive officers

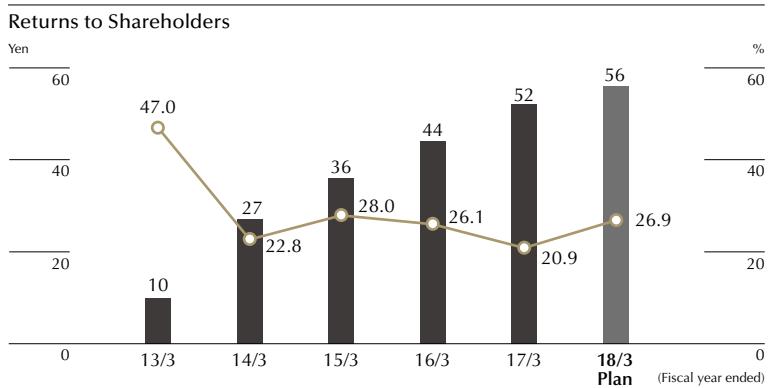
### (2) Initiatives for Strengthening Internal Controls

- Receive a higher appraisal from external specialists for Yamaha's internal auditing systems and methods
- Improve Yamaha Group corporate governance, including overseas Group companies, as a result of further improvements in quality of internal control systems
- In addition to an existing corporate culture with a strong sense of ethics, improve capabilities for dealing with risks by introducing more advanced risk management structure



### Plans for Returns to Shareholders

During the three-year period of NEXT STAGE 12, we intend to generate ¥150 billion in cash flows from operating activities. In doing so, we plan to carry out shareholder returns in a flexible manner with the purpose of improving capital efficiency after first giving consideration to maintaining a balance with an appropriate amount of internal reserves for future growth investments. We also aim for a consolidated payout ratio of 30% or more.



- The annual dividend for fiscal 2017 is ¥52, representing an increase for the fourth consecutive year.
- The annual dividend for fiscal 2018 is forecast to be ¥56.

■ Annual per-share dividend (yen)  
○ Dividend payout ratio (%)

## Board of Directors (As of June 23, 2017)



**Junya Hakoda**  
Outside Director

**Shigeru Nosaka**  
Outside Director

**Masahito Hosoi**  
Director

**Takuya Nakata**  
Director, President and  
Representative Executive Officer



Satoshi Yamahata  
Director and Managing Executive Officer

Hiroyuki Yanagi  
Outside Director

Masatoshi Ito  
Outside Director

Yoshimi Nakajima  
Outside Director

Taku Fukui  
Outside Director

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# Research and Development and Intellectual Property

Yamaha has adopted the corporate slogan of “Sharing Passion & Performance” and a corporate philosophy of “with our unique expertise and sensibilities, gained from our devotion to sound and music, we are committed to creating excitement and cultural inspiration together with people around the world.” In addition, Yamaha has established a medium- to long-term management vision of becoming an indispensable, brilliantly individual company.

Guided by this slogan, philosophy, and vision, Yamaha has designated the technologies it has amassed in the fields of sound and music as core technologies in order to promote its business activities, and is conducting R&D activities with the aim of further advancing and extending these technologies. In addition, Yamaha is further sharpening its competitive edge by linking together its R&D strategies and intellectual property strategies.

## Research and Development

Without being limited to sound itself, Yamaha is promoting R&D activities in a wide variety of technological fields that support the utilization of sound, from fundamental technologies to application methods. These fields include technologies related to materials and analysis, sensing, mechatronics, sound generation, signal processing, networks, and sensitivity evaluation.

In fiscal 2017, Yamaha identified sound, music, networks, and devices as focus areas. In particular, Yamaha endeavored to enhance its scientific understanding of what constitutes “good sound” and advanced R&D initiatives to actually apply “good sound” to its musical instruments and audio equipment design processes. In addition, Yamaha took initiatives to upgrade its various technologies, such as physical modeling, musical analysis, and singing voice synthesis, as well as to advance the development of high-quality sound transmission technology for the network generation and technology related to wireless connectivity.

Yamaha’s R&D structure consists of two sections. The first section is the Research and Development Division, which is located within the Technology Unit. This section oversees the R&D functions for enhancing the Company’s foundational elemental technologies and creating new businesses. The other section is the Technology Development Division, which handles the product development functions of each business division as well as subsidiaries.

### Technologies Accumulated through R&D

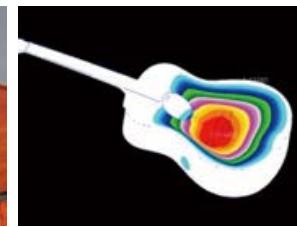
Guided by the expertise passed on from generation to generation and a sensitivity toward sound creation, Yamaha has accumulated a vast array of original technologies over its long history of manufacturing acoustic instruments. In the field of digital instruments and audio equipment, Yamaha has developed groundbreaking electronics technology. In recent years, Yamaha has expanded the scope of its technologies through the addition of new companies to the Group. By drawing on the strengths of these technologies and fusing them together, Yamaha has continued to provide new value that only it can create as well as new ways to enjoy and utilize sound and music.

#### (1) Technologies in the Musical Instruments Domain

In the musical instruments domain, Yamaha processes wood and metal materials in order to provide its customers with even more fulfilling sound and music. In addition, through the continued research of technologies related to the mechanisms of keyboard actions, sound generation and effects, as well as acoustics, the Company actively pursues good sound and superior performance.



YVN500S Artida™ violin with  
A.R.E.™ technology



Analysis of the vibrations of  
guitar surface

- Wood reforming technology A.R.E. (Acoustic Resonance Enhancement): Yamaha’s original wood reforming technology that ages wood in a short period of time
- Research on instrument structure; research and analysis on the vibrations and sounds that occur within acoustic instruments
- Sound source development: Development of FM sound generator, AWM sound generator, and physical model sound generator



DX7 Synthesizer

FM sound generator:  
A method for modulating  
the frequency of waveform  
and creating tone



SY77 Synthesizer

AWM sound generator:  
A method for creating  
tone by recorded  
sound of an instrument



VL1 Synthesizer

Physical model sound  
generator: A method  
that virtually creates an  
instrument’s structure  
to make sound

#### (2) Technologies in the Audio Equipment Domain

In the audio equipment domain, Yamaha draws on the strengths of cutting-edge software and electronics technologies, centered primarily on digital signal processing and network technologies, using its expertise and know-how related to sound. Yamaha offers high-value-added products such as AV products and PA equipment as well as network devices.

- Fluid sound control technology, Twisted Flare Port™
- Virtual Circuitry Modeling (VCM) technology, RIVAGE™
- MusicCast® wireless transmission technology



TWISTED  
FLARE  
PORT



Preamplifiers with VCM technology used  
in RIVAGE™

### (3) Technological Fusion and Creating More Value

Not only does Yamaha evolve the technologies it has cultivated over many years, the Company promotes the fusion of its technologies to offer new hybrid instruments as well as to innovate its existing products. At the same time, the Company is creating entirely new products in new businesses, thereby providing customers with both surprise and excitement.

- TransAcoustic™ Piano
- TransAcoustic™ Guitar
- Brass instrument silencing system, SILENT Brass™
- Flagship Speaker, NS-5000
- VOCALOID™
- Omotenashi Guide™



VOCALOID™



TransAcoustic™ Guitar,  
incorporating actuator  
to generate reverb and  
chorus effects

#### R&D Achievements

##### Motion Control Synthesis Engine

The Motion Control Synthesis Engine is a comprehensive tone generation system that combines two types of sound generators and three types of controllers, giving it the power to realize a dynamic and overwhelmingly expressive musical performance in a manner more fluid than conventional synthesizers. The engine combines the excellent sound reproduction of the Advanced Wave Memory™ 2 (AWM2) sound generator with the dynamic tonal expression of the newly developed FM-X frequency modulation sound generator. The engine also comes equipped with Motion Control, which continually shifts complex sound across a diverse control source.

Motion Control drastically changes sounds in line with the musician's performance and synchronizes these changes with the rhythm, thereby delivering a sound rich in expression. In addition, Motion

Control is able to reflect the passion of the musician in the instrument through the color and motion of light that is emitted in response to changes in sound. This allows for an emotionally rich performance, almost as if the musician and the instrument were having a conversation. In these ways, the function generates truly high-dimensional sound.

The Motion Control Synthesis Engine was first applied to Yamaha's flagship synthesizer model, the MONTAGE™, which was launched in 2016. Going forward, Yamaha will further expand this technology, making it a key feature of its synthesizers.



##### NS-5000 Flagship Speaker

The NS-5000 is Yamaha's flagship speaker that brings together the latest speaker and analysis technologies. The speaker unit, which uses newly developed diaphragms, and the cabinet, which incorporates the latest R&D accomplishments, realize unlimited quietness and a clear sound, allowing for music to be clearly reproduced as is.

The newly developed diaphragms of the tweeter, mid-range, and woofer use ZYLON®—the world's strongest fiber with an ideal elastic modulus and a speed of sound that rivals beryllium. This allows the NS-5000 to reproduce extremely pleasant sounds with a high level of sophistication by realizing uniform tone quality across all frequency bands. Moreover, in order to control the unnecessary sound that is emitted from the back of the tweeter and mid-range units, the NS-5000 is equipped with a resonance suppression (R.S.) chamber, which has a flat frequency response that negates tube resonance without using a large amount of acoustic absorbent materials.

In these ways, the NS-5000 is able to achieve reproduction of even higher resolution.

As for the cabinet box sound, which is background noise that occurs when vibration is present, the NS-5000 controls even microscopic box sounds through the use of the latest finite element method (FEM) analysis that leverages the strengths of laser scan measurements.



Going forward, Yamaha plans on expanding its product lineup of speakers that utilize these technologies.

\* ZYLON® is a registered trademark of Toyobo Co., Ltd. in Japan

##### Disklavier ENSPIRE + MusicCast—Connecting Musical Instruments with Audio Systems

Offering a new way to enjoy music at home through the integration of Disklavier ENSPIRE, a hybrid piano equipped with an automatic performance function, with the audio system MusicCast.

Through the integration of the world's most advanced piano, the Disklavier ENSPIRE, with Yamaha's high-fidelity MusicCast wireless audio system, customers can enjoy the sound and music of a real acoustic piano in any room of their house. This seamless integration allows customers to experience the sound of the Disklavier ENSPIRE piano directly in the room where it is located, or send the piano performance wirelessly to other areas of their home using the MusicCast mobile app.



## Intellectual Property

The foundation that supports Yamaha's extensive business development is the technology and know-how that it has accumulated within the Group over many years of R&D activities. To support this technology and know-how and to accelerate the further accumulation of intellectual property rights, Yamaha has actively invested resources in its R&D activities. Moreover, with a primary goal of maintaining and improving the competitive edge of the technologies it possesses, Yamaha is expanding its activities to acquire, maintain, and utilize other related intellectual property rights.

Since its founding, Yamaha has sought to acquire its various patents and other intellectual property rights while simultaneously respecting the intellectual property rights held by third parties. More recently, the Company has taken steps to integrate its business, R&D, and intellectual property strategies by implementing a number of measures designed to maximize the contribution of its intellectual property on its business earnings.

### Patents

To differentiate itself from its competitors, gain a business advantage, ensure greater flexibility, and enable licensing to third parties, Yamaha has formulated patent strategies tailored to its operations in specific business segments. These strategies include establishing target technical fields for patent acquisition, such as core technologies, new businesses, and new technologies, and building a strong patent portfolio by identifying and focusing on its core competencies. From the standpoint of asset optimization, Yamaha annually assesses its full portfolio of patents held within and outside of Japan, evaluating patent rights in terms of present application and future potential, and ultimately retaining only those rights deemed most advantageous. As of March 31, 2017, the Yamaha Group owned a total of approximately 4,700 patents and utility models in Japan. Outside of Japan, the Group also held a total of roughly 4,400 patents, mainly in the United States, Europe, and China. Going forward, Yamaha is working to increase the number of patents held in China in particular.

### Designs

Yamaha views design as a critical element in setting its products apart from other offerings in the market, and consequently makes every effort to properly safeguard and utilize these assets. In recent years, Yamaha has taken bolder steps to acquire design rights in China to protect itself against counterfeit products. As of March 31, 2017, the Yamaha Group held a total of approximately 1,100 design rights, roughly 380 in Japan and 730 overseas.

### Copyrights

In addition to industrial property rights, such as patents, designs, and trademarks, the Yamaha Group produces numerous copyright-protected works, primarily in the fields of sound and music. Music-related copyrights are of particular importance to Yamaha in terms of its overall intellectual property policy. The Company takes steps to ensure their proper management and use, including undertaking legal action when necessary.

### Brands

Yamaha has taken numerous initiatives to maintain and enhance the value of the Yamaha brand. In 1986, the Company established regulations for brand management, and also set up a Companywide brand management committee to maintain and improve brand

value by ensuring the effective use of the Yamaha brand.

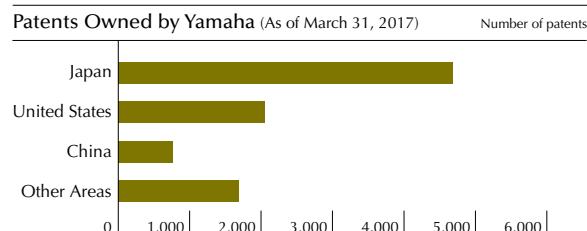
Furthermore, as part of the Company's efforts to secure brand rights, a wide range of trademarks related to the Yamaha brand are being acquired in nearly every country worldwide, with additional efforts including precise preliminary surveys and acquisition of rights for sub-brand products and services.

### Anti-Counterfeiting Measures

In recent years, the number of cases of unauthorized third parties manufacturing and selling products under the Yamaha brand or reproducing counterfeit Yamaha product designs has been increasing. Using government agencies and various legal means, Yamaha has vigorously combated cases of counterfeiting with growing success. Going forward, Yamaha plans to adopt a more aggressive legal approach, including litigation against infringers, to preserve the Yamaha brand value and the value of its businesses as well as to maintain consumer trust in the Yamaha brand.

### Intellectual Property Management Systems

As part of the corporate body, the Intellectual Property Division oversees the integrated management of all intellectual property held by the Yamaha Group. In addition, members of the Intellectual Property Division are assigned to each business and R&D division, where they ensure that the Company's intellectual property strategy is integrated within its business and R&D strategies. The Intellectual Property Division also works in close communication with each business division to promote Yamaha's intellectual property strategy from both Companywide and business domain perspectives.



### Yamaha's Intellectual Property Receives High Appraisal Globally

#### Clarivate Analytics Selects Yamaha as Top 100 Global Innovator

In January 2017, Yamaha received a 2016 Top 100 Global Innovators Award from the global business data provider Clarivate Analytics (based in Philadelphia), formerly the Intellectual Property & Science business of Thomson Reuters. The award, which began in 2011, recognizes the world's top 100 innovators for invention excellence by analyzing intellectual property trends based on proprietary patent metrics owned by Clarivate Analytics.

Award recipients are selected based on four criteria derived from data on patent volume, patent registration rates, globalization, and impact of patents based on how often they are subsequently cited.

This is the fourth time for Yamaha to be selected, after being selected for the first time in 2011 and again in 2014 and 2015. Yamaha received high praise for the global scope of its patent rights acquisition activities, which factored in greatly to the Company receiving this award.



# Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

In all its interactions with stakeholders, the Yamaha Group seeks through its business activities to exceed customer expectations and create excitement. Through activities grounded in the fields of sound and music, we will continue to share passion and performance and enrich culture along with people around the world.

## Basic Approach to CSR

The mission of the Yamaha Group is to continue pursuing its corporate philosophy of “with our unique expertise and sensibilities, gained from our devotion to sound and music, we are committed to creating excitement and cultural inspiration together with

people around the world.” To put this philosophy into practice, Yamaha works to establish and maintain bonds of trust with its stakeholders while also contributing to the creation of a sustainable society through its business activities.

## Policy and Framework for CSR Promotion

The Yamaha Group continues to engage in a variety of CSR issues by offering products and services and engaging in business processes and corporate activities in regional societies. The Group uses the social responsibility international guideline ISO 26000 to identify and organize the CSR issues it involves itself in. By taking into account the importance of these issues to the Group and their impact on stakeholders, we decide which issues to prioritize as well as the details of our efforts toward these issues. In fiscal 2016, a council made up of our top management established strategic CSR themes in which the Group should strengthen its initiatives. Along with the revision of our CSR policy in fiscal 2017 based on these themes, we incorporated them into our medium-term management plan as part of our ESG agenda. The status of initiatives pertaining to each theme is followed up on through review at management meetings headed by the President.

### Strategic CSR Themes

- Development of products and services with a focus on social issues (universal design, environmentally friendly products, application of sound technologies, etc.)

- Development of regional community-based business and social contribution activities (resolution of regional issues through music, contribution to the development of regional communities, etc.)
- Lowering of greenhouse gas emissions (emission management that expands the scope of emissions throughout the entire supply chain, etc.)  
Sustainable procurement of timber (stringent verification of traceability and lawfulness, expanded use of certified timber, etc.)
- Socially responsible procurement (by confirming adherence to the Yamaha Supplier CSR Code of Conduct and making requests for improvements when necessary, etc.)
- Systematic initiatives for the respect of human rights (evaluating the influence of our business activities on human rights, etc.)
- Promotion of diversity and human resources development (promotion of the active role of female workers, cultivation of global human resources, etc.)



## **Yamaha Corporation Group CSR Policy**

### **■ Our aim is “Sharing Passion & Performance”**

The Corporate Philosophy of the Yamaha Corporation Group is, “With our unique expertise and sensibilities, gained from our devotion to sound and music, we are committed to creating excitement and cultural inspiration together with people around the world.”

Based on this philosophy, Yamaha conducts its CSR activities according to the following guidelines, seeking to contribute to the sustainable development of society and to further strengthen the bond of trust with its stakeholders through sound, transparent management methods, and corporate activities that balance social and environmental concerns.

- 1** By creating new values through products and services focused on social and environmental issues, Yamaha contributes to the sustainable development of society.
- 2** Through business development and social contributions based in each region of the globe, Yamaha contributes to the promotion and popularization of music, and to the development of communities.

**3** By understanding the significance of protecting the natural environment and maintaining biodiversity, and by promoting the reduction of environmental burden through measures such as sustainable procurement of timber and lowering greenhouse gas emissions, Yamaha works to maintain a healthy global environment.

- 4** Yamaha observes laws, ordinances, and social norms, and moreover, conducts business in a fair and impartial manner throughout the entire value chain, including activities such as socially responsible procurement carried out in cooperation with business partners.
- 5** Yamaha endeavors to prevent abuses of human rights, responding appropriately to the effect of its business activities as well as to any attendant risks to human rights, with the goal of achieving a society that safeguards the dignity of all.
- 6** Yamaha works to create an atmosphere that holds in high regard the employee diversity that is a source of the new values created within the Company, and which allows each person to fully demonstrate their sensibilities and creativity through training and use, without regard to race, nationality, gender, or age.

Formulated in February 2010 and revised in June 2016

## **Participation in the United Nations Global Compact**

Yamaha endorses the United Nations Global Compact, a voluntary code of conduct that encourages businesses worldwide to adopt sustainable and socially responsible policies. Yamaha signed the Compact in June 2011 and has been promoting initiatives in adherence with the Compact's 10 principles in the four areas of

human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. At the same time, the Company has been actively cooperating with Global Compact Network Japan in such ways as managing subcommittees.



## **External Evaluation**

Socially responsible investment (SRI) is an investing activity that values companies not only from a financial perspective but also from social and environmental viewpoints as well. SRI indexes are used by investors to determine what companies to invest in based on whether or not a company is fulfilling their social responsibilities. Yamaha is listed on such major international

SRI indexes as the FTSE4Good Global Index, MSCI Global Sustainability Indexes, and Morningstar Social Responsibility Index (MS-SRI).



## **CSR Education**

In promoting initiatives based on our CSR Policy, the Yamaha Group believes it is important to deepen employee understanding of CSR and raise awareness for environmental and social issues. The Yamaha Group engages in educational and awareness-raising

activities by sending CSR information via its website and Intranet, as well as training for all employees, from managers to new recruits, with the aim of promoting CSR throughout each aspect of its business operations.

### **Fiscal 2017 Results**

Item	Target	Content	Number of participants
Basic CSR training	New recruits, etc.	Introduction to CSR, Explanation of Yamaha Group CSR Policy and measures, etc.	47
E-learning	Domestic Group employees	Comprehension check of CSR reports	828
CSR Intranet	Domestic Group employees	Explanation of key CSR themes, Introduction of best practices in Yamaha and other companies, etc.	—

## Topics

### ■ Yamaha Eco-Products Program

Guided by its Environmental Policy, the Yamaha Group is working to create environmentally friendly products in order to contribute to the creation of a sustainable society. To support this effort, Yamaha established the Yamaha Eco-Products Program in 2015, which certifies environmentally friendly products that meet standards established by the Company.



The Yamaha Eco-Label is attached to products that meet the Company's standards. By providing customers with easy-to-understand information on the environment, the program aims to assist customers in selecting which products to purchase.

### ■ Yamaha Forest

Yamaha Corporation and its six local Indonesian subsidiaries contribute to local communities in Indonesia, where the Yamaha Group has its production and sales offices, by carrying out Yamaha Forest project activities, such as environmental preservation through tree-planting and educational support.

Indonesia is a treasure trove of diverse world species. In recent years, however, that bounty of biodiversity has been in rapid decline. Phase I (fiscal 2006–2010) of the Yamaha Forest project, conducted in conjunction with the Yamaha Motor Group, involved planting roughly 110,000 saplings over approximately 127 hectares of public land in Sukabumi, West Java in efforts to restore the functionality of the forest. This area has been designated as *hutan kota* (city forest preserve) and is thus appropriately managed by the provincial government. Phase II (fiscal 2011–2015) of the project involved planting roughly 50,000 saplings over approximately 50 hectares of arid land in Gunung Ciremai National Park in Kuningan, West Java with the goal of restoring natural forests and ecosystems of the area. Fiscal 2016–2017 involved maintenance work, such as cutting grass and addressing moisture retention. Once completed, we transferred control of the newly grown

trees to Gunung Ciremai National Park, which will appropriately manage them going forward.

At present, the two phases are showing steady growth. Moving forward, Yamaha Forest will persist in its conservation efforts under the management of local governments and concerned parties.



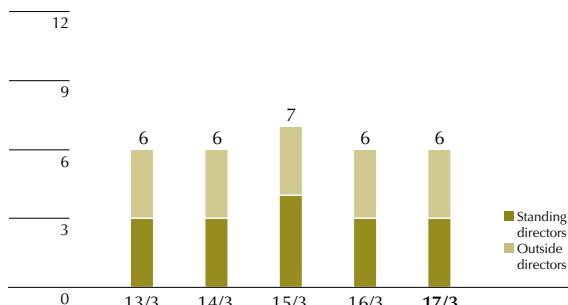
### ■ Promoting Introduction of Instrumental Music Education in Vietnam

Music education programs teaching children how to play instruments have been adopted on a large scale in schools worldwide. However, due to a lack of equipment and instructors, as well as curriculum issues, instrumental music education is not provided, or is of insufficient quality, in music classes in some countries. Yamaha is developing a “school project” program to offer opportunities to play instruments and allow as many children as possible to experience the joy of musical instruments.

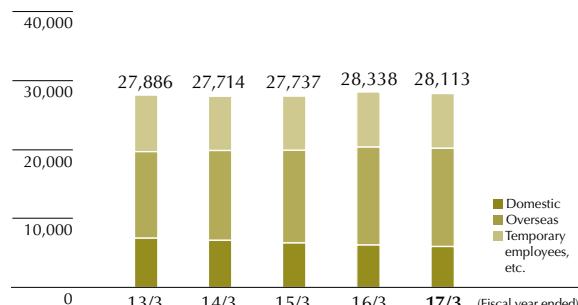
As an element of the “school project,” Yamaha began support activities in January 2016 for the introduction and sustainment of musical instrument instruction as part of music classes in primary and secondary education in Vietnam. The “Course of Study” in

## Human Resources Data

Number of Directors



Number of Employees



Percentage of female employees

	2013/3	2014/3	2015/3	2016/3	2017/3
Percentage of female employees	21.6%	20.0%	17.2%	17.8%	17.5%
Percentage of female employees in management positions	4.4%	4.7%	4.8%	4.8%	4.6%
Average years of continuous employment (years)	20.1	20.6	20.3	19.8	20.9
Percentage of persons with disabilities employed	2.08%	2.15%	2.38%	2.42%	2.35%

Note: Figures in this table are for Yamaha Corporation only

elementary and junior high schools in Vietnam does not include the actual playing of musical instruments as part of musical education. For that reason, teaching in music classes is focused on reading music and music theory/knowledge, with singing as the only form of practice.

As a comprehensive musical instruments manufacturer, Yamaha has been spreading the advantages of instrumental music education in music classrooms all over the world. Based on this experience, Yamaha is working in cooperation with Vietnam's Ministry of Education and Training toward revising the "Course of Study" for primary and secondary education to include musical instrument instruction, slated to begin in 2018.

In fiscal 2017, this initiative was chosen as an official project by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology for their ongoing "EDU-Port Japan" project to spread Japanese-style education overseas. Yamaha is working with the Japanese government to enrich music education and improve the overall quality of education in Vietnam through the introduction and sustainment of musical instrument instruction.



### **Omotenashi Guide: A system supporting the universal design of sound**

Yamaha Corporation has been conducting demonstration experiments of the *Omotenashi Guide* service since 2015. This service supports the development of convenient guides featuring a number of written and spoken languages for use by businesses, public institutions, and tourist destinations looking to promote themselves to inbound tourists and become more barrier free.



In places where voice announcements are made using this technology, *Omotenashi Guide* users can receive real-time information translated into their required language simply by opening the application on their smartphone or tablet. Through this service, people who do not speak Japanese, are elderly or have difficulty hearing will have easy access to the contents of spoken Japanese announcements.

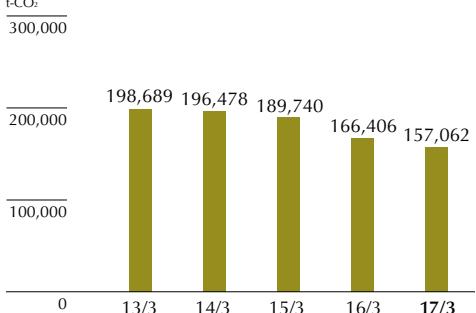
As a global sound and music company, Yamaha aims to help even more people gain easy access to useful information through advancing initiatives to support universal design of sound.

Furthermore, the IAUD (International Association for Universal Design) Award 2016 Selection Committee chose the *Omotenashi Guide* for a gold award, praising its simplicity and utility, particularly with the approaching influx of foreign visitors arriving for the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The service was further recognized by the Japanese Cabinet Office for "demonstrating outstanding achievements in promoting barrier-free universal design in fiscal 2017" and earned the Minister of State Encouragement Award.

### **Environmental Performance Data**

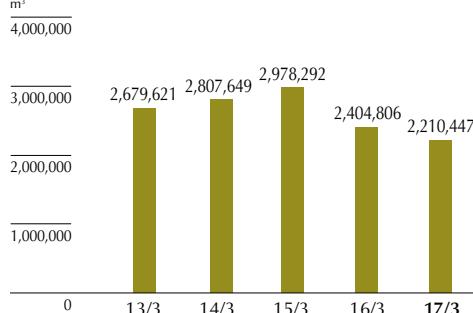
#### **GHG (Greenhouse Gas) Emissions**

t-CO<sub>2</sub>:



#### **Water Usage Amounts**

m<sup>3</sup>



Notes: 1. The environmental performance data includes figures of Yamaha headquarters, all the production sites, and resort facilities covering more than 90% of the group site.

2. Total of direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from purchased energy and steam generation, direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from private power generation and use of heat, and the amount of GHG used and emitted in the manufacturing processes

3. Numerical figures differ from previous measurements as recalculations have been broken down by fiscal year and according to the CO<sub>2</sub> emission coefficient of manufacturing bases by power company and region.

**For more in-depth reporting on Yamaha's CSR activities, please visit**

"Corporate Social Responsibility" on Yamaha's website: <https://www.yamaha.com/en/csr/>

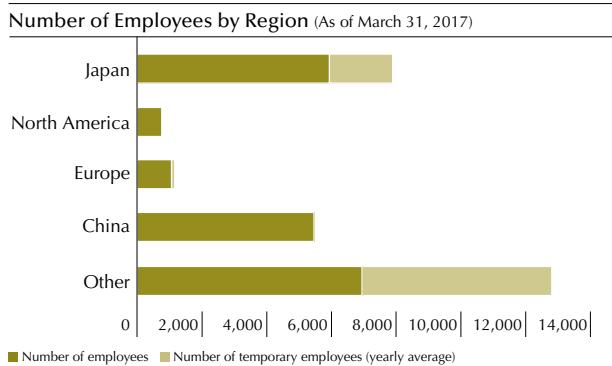
# Yamaha's Approach to Human Resources

Yamaha considers human resources to be its most important management resource in supporting corporate growth. As such, the Company believes that, regardless of age, gender, or nationality, leveraging a diverse group of employees with various lifestyles, including those with time constraints due to raising children or caregiving, will help reinforce the Company's competitiveness and lead to further growth and development. In addition to ensuring fairness in the Company's hiring processes, Yamaha makes efforts so that all employees are able to demonstrate their abilities and express themselves freely, regardless of race, age, or gender. At the same time, the Company has established personnel development programs to help employees grow as professionals. In these ways, Yamaha is working to create a pleasant work environment supported by active dialogue with its employees.

Yamaha conducts its business at 53 locations throughout 31 countries, with overseas sales accounting for 66% of the Company's overall sales. As a key policy, Yamaha makes focused efforts to employ global human resources and strengthen its development of these human resources so that they can be active on

a global scale. Further, the Company is actively promoting initiatives to assign local talent to key positions at overseas subsidiaries.

As of March 31, 2017, the Yamaha Group had 20,175 employees worldwide (in addition to 7,938 temporary employees).



## Yamaha's Human Resources Development

Yamaha has in place a human resources development system that focuses equally on employee education and training and career development to create a mutually beneficial relationship between the employee and the Company. With the underlying goal of developing human resources that are active on a global scale, Yamaha implements training and education programs tailored to a specific objective in one of the following categories: Stratified Training, Strategic Personnel Development, Position-Specific Training, and Self-Development Education.

In Stratified Training, Yamaha carries out training programs in accordance with the respective career turning points of each employee. These programs work to raise the overall level of human resources by enhancing the skills of individual employees.

In Strategic Personnel Development, Yamaha offers programs designed to cultivate the next generation of core employees through the Yamaha Global Institute and the Yamaha Management Institute,

which aim to develop global human resources who will act as the backbone of the Company in the future. Yamaha also operates the Yamaha Sales Company Executive College (Y-SEC), which provides sales management training in Japan and overseas, and the Senior Specialist Institute (SSI), which conducts manufacturing management training for personnel at all Group production plants in Asia. At production sites in Japan, the Company has set up the Yamaha Advanced Skill School as well as the Technology Training Center.

For Position-Specific Training, Yamaha implements courses for craftsmanship skill development and quality management, international education programs, and core technology training programs (signal processing, sound and vibration, and materials engineering).

In Self-Development Education, Yamaha provides support for employees' self-directed studies, including through the Yamaha Business School, a correspondence education program.

## Conditions of Training Programs Implemented in Fiscal 2017

	Implementation Details	Annual number of participants	Training hours per employee	Total number of lecture attendees
Stratified Training	Enhancement of skills of employees in accordance with their respective career turning points	400	15–30 hours a year (most recent 5 years)	2,000
Yamaha Global Institute	Cultivation of core human resources who will be involved in future management (Last implemented in 2013)	17	15 days a year	51
Yamaha Management Institute	Cultivation of core human resources who will be involved in future management (Not implemented in 2016)	18	27 days a year	90
Group Production Plant Management Development program (SKIP)	Cultivation of managers at production plants (Last implemented in 2012)	6	80 days a year	26
Senior Specialist Institute (SSI)	Cultivation of human resources involved in production management	12	40 days	38
Yamaha Sales Company Executive College	Cultivation of human resources (sales office directors and managers, etc.) involved in sales management (Commenced in February 2017)	8	12 days (96 hours)	0
From-To Program	Transmission of core techniques for manufacturing musical instruments	20	—	500
Yamaha Advanced Skill School	Cultivation of managers at domestic Group production plants	16	370 hours	700
Yamaha Technology Training Center	Cultivation of human resources who will act as the backbone of domestic Group production plants	30	180 hours	1,500
Overseas / Language training	Study abroad for the purpose of learning a foreign language and improving speaking capability	2	6 months	29
Yamaha Business School (correspondence education program)	Support for the self-directed studies of employees (correspondence education)	250	—	

### Global Human Resources Development

In light of globalization and the diversification of value systems and lifestyles, Yamaha aims for self-sustaining business activities that are deeply rooted in the local communities of each region in which it operates. Under this aim, the Company promotes the utilization of its human resources on a global scale. Yamaha will establish a total of 200 key positions in Group companies and

work to better understand the core talent of each region. At the same time, the Company will promote consistent evaluations based on Groupwide standards that go beyond country or organization as well as the cross-border deployment of human resources. Also, as an important strategic theme, the Company will engage in initiatives to promptly identify and develop candidates for the key positions of the next generation.

### Human Resources Development for Craftsmanship

With the aim of optimizing its production structure, Yamaha is working to better clarify the functions and roles of each Group production plant. At the same time, the Company is making efforts to develop human resources capable of craftsmanship that ensures that every product made at Yamaha Group production plants around the world maintains the concept of "Made in Yamaha," the Company's approach to guaranteeing the consistent quality of its products.

Yamaha positions its Group production plants in Japan as locations for manufacturing high-value-added products. As such, the Company is focusing its efforts on developing technologies that are competitive in the global market as well as steadily passing on key manufacturing techniques to employees of the younger generation. Yamaha positions China and Indonesia as key locations for the manufacture of products in affordable price ranges, such as pianos, wind instruments, string and percussion instruments, and digital musical instruments. The Company dispatches a large number of engineers and instructors from Japan to provide support and guidance in order to further improve quality and productivity at these overseas locations.

As for the initiatives the Company is taking to develop human resources who will be responsible for these support activities, Yamaha is implementing manufacturing management training, which trains management personnel at Group production plants; the Yamaha Advanced Skill School and the Technology Training Center, which develops human resources who will act as the backbone of domestic Group production plants in the next generation; and the From-To Program, which passes on core techniques for manufacturing musical instruments to the younger generation of employees. In addition, Yamaha aims for the effective management of Group production plants from a global perspective. To this end, the Company is commencing local talent development programs and manufacturing management training at overseas manufacturing subsidiaries.

#### Manufacturing Management Training (SKIP/SSI)

Since the 1990s, the Yamaha Group has been raising its percentage of overseas manufacturing. Currently, the Company's overseas manufacturing subsidiaries operate at 10 locations located throughout China, Indonesia, and Malaysia. Given these circumstances, the Company recognizes the importance to train supervisors for these overseas Group production plants in order to ensure their effective management. Accordingly, Yamaha has commenced SKIP programs to develop core employees at these locations. While initial training involved developing managerial personnel, the Company has expanded its efforts to also include programs to develop local talent at these locations. To date,

74 employees from Japan, Indonesia, and China have participated in these programs.

With this global manufacturing management training, Yamaha takes participants away from their regular duties for 30 days per year during a 10-month period and, through practical onsite training, aims to have them obtain the necessary skills and knowledge to act as management personnel at manufacturing companies.

#### From-To Program

Due to the fact that acoustic musical instrument manufacturing uses a large amount of natural materials, technicians need to make adjustments by hand and through sensitivity based on techniques underpinned by their individual experience. These sensitive adjustments are an important factor in determining the instrument's quality. Yamaha regards the transfer of these manufacturing techniques as an important management issue. As such, the Company identified its core technologies and techniques and introduces them in the From-To Program, which started in 1999.

The From-To Program groups expert technicians with their successors to work together for nearly one year. During this time, these veteran technicians demonstrate to their successors the specific techniques and skills used in the manufacturing process. While the From-To Program represents a form of on-the-job training (OJT), the Company conducts strict progress management and evaluation to ensure that the necessary techniques are being steadily transferred. Over 500 employees have participated in the program since its introduction.



Global Production Plant Management Development program (SKIP)



From-To Program

## TOPICS: Messages from the Outside Directors



### Shigeru Nosaka

Outside Director  
(Director, Executive Vice President & CFO of Oracle Corporation Japan)

I am aware of my responsibility to thoroughly monitor the Company's PDCA method to ensure that the new plan is carried out smoothly.

Two years have passed since I was appointed as an outside director at Yamaha. During this time, I have noticed that even before the formulation of Japan's Corporate Governance Code, Yamaha's corporate culture has emphasized the utilization of outside opinions within the Company's management, rather than just relying on decisions made internally. With an awareness of the importance and necessity of incorporating diverse perspectives into its management, Yamaha has been fulfilling the responsibilities it has to its stakeholders. At the same time, within the core of its corporate governance structure, the Company has firmly established the idea of bolstering a business foundation that creates new value. Amid Yamaha's transition to a Company with Three Committees (Nominating, Audit, and Compensation), the Company has had an underlying desire to not only incorporate more diverse opinions and carry out more effective decision-making, but also promote timely business execution and enhance corporate value in a sustainable manner, even within an uncertain business environment.

As for the current state of the Board of Directors, I truly believe that the Board operates with a high level of effectiveness and takes into account the opinions of the outside directors. While the inside directors respect our opinions, I feel that they could also voice their opinions more actively at Board meetings. The inside directors oversee the Company's business execution and have to take responsibility for their management decisions. As such, it is necessary to have support from an outside perspective when deciding on items that are accompanied by risk. By transitioning to a Company with

Three Committees (Nominating, Audit, and Compensation), the Company has further clarified the separation between the roles of business execution and business supervision. As such, the outside directors, including myself, will fulfill the role of monitoring, evaluating, and supporting the inside directors as they carry out the task of business execution. Going forward, I believe the Company must further enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Directors through the support of business execution by the outside directors and through efforts to encourage livelier discussion at the Board of Directors' meetings.

Guided by its technologies that create sound, Yamaha is a company with a sustainable corporate mission that involves improving its core technologies while continuing to enhance its product lineup and offer excitement to its customers. To realize this mission, it is important for Yamaha to secure profits, as they provide the source for investment. As a management indicator, Yamaha has adopted a target of maintaining ROE at the 10% level in its current medium-term management plan. To continue to achieve this level for ROE, I am aware of my responsibility to thoroughly monitor the Company's PDCA method to ensure that the new plan is carried out smoothly. I also bear the responsibility of supporting and encouraging the Company's management while keeping an eye on the balance between reinvestments for growth and capital costs. Going forward, I will continue to proactively offer advice and support for the Company as it pursues initiatives to enhance corporate value.

## Masatoshi Ito

Outside Director  
(Representative Director  
and Chairman of the Board  
of Ajinomoto Co., Inc.)



### Going forward, I will help Yamaha devise methods of communication that help deepen the understanding of its stakeholders around the world.

I have been involved in the corporate governance of Yamaha as an outside director since June 2016. In my honest opinion, I feel that the Company's management operates extremely well. Yamaha's organizational design is simple, and there is only a small number of inside and outside directors. As such, I feel the Company has a very open environment that makes it easy to hold discussions. As for the proceedings of the Board of Directors' meetings, the Board selects agenda items that are of high importance and require a shared awareness among the directors, thereby eliminating unproductive debate and encouraging meaningful conversation. I believe this to be a very effective approach.

Over the past year, the Board of Directors has held numerous discussions on how to further advance governance and strengthen the Company's flexibility. These discussions eventually led to the Company's transition to a new organizational structure. I believe a key point for future discussions is how to incorporate the new frameworks of this structure into Yamaha's management while also leveraging the Company's business execution capabilities. After further clarifying the separation between the roles of business supervision and business execution, which was the main reason for this transition, the Company will work to enact frameworks that accelerate the pace of business execution.

The outside directors, who come from many different backgrounds, actively provide their opinions as members of the Board of Directors. Given my own experience, I aim to help expand business opportunities for Yamaha from the

perspectives of marketing and both domestic and overseas business development. For a company such as Yamaha that is expanding its business globally, it is important to continue to create examples of business success that are applicable in both Japan and overseas and realize results not by country, but rather through an integrated global format. I would like to fulfill my role as an outside director by offering Yamaha advice on how to enhance one more step up of their current business format.

Guided by a clear corporate philosophy that melds seamlessly with its corporate behavior, Yamaha carries out its day-to-day business activities. Going forward, I will help Yamaha devise methods of communication that help deepen the understanding of its stakeholders around the world. I will also help the Company develop frameworks for reflecting stakeholder opinions in its business activities and product development both in Japan and overseas.

# Corporate Governance

Yamaha aims to further clarify the division between the roles of business execution and business supervision within its management while bolstering the supervisory functions of the Board of Directors and increasing the pace of business execution. Guided by this aim, Yamaha transitioned to a Company with Three Committees (Nominating, Audit, and Compensation) organizational model on June 22, 2017.

## Fundamental Approach to Corporate Governance

Adopting the Yamaha Philosophy and its Promise to Stakeholders, which applies to shareholders and all other related parties, Yamaha Corporation and Yamaha Group companies are working to secure global competitiveness and a high level of profitability based on effective management. At the same time, the Company is making efforts to realize sustainable growth and improve corporate value over the medium to long term by fulfilling its social responsibilities in such areas as compliance, the environment, safety, and social contributions.

To accomplish these tasks, the Company has established institutional designs for management—in addition to an organizational structure and systems—and is implementing a wide variety of governance-related measures based on its Basic Policies for Corporate Governance, stated below. At the same time, Yamaha realizes transparent and high-quality management through the appropriate disclosure of information.

### Basic Policies for Corporate Governance

- From a shareholder's perspective, ensure the rights and equal treatment of shareholders
- Taking into consideration our relationships with all stakeholders, proactively fulfill the Company's social responsibilities
- Ensure that information is disclosed appropriately and that management is transparent
- By separating the oversight and executive functions and strengthening the oversight function, ensure that the Board of Directors is highly effective and is able to execute decisions appropriately and with a sense of urgency
- Proactively engage in dialogue with shareholders

### Yamaha Philosophy

- Corporate Slogan: Sharing Passion & Performance
- Corporate Philosophy: With our unique expertise and sensibilities, gained from our devotion to sound and music, we are committed to creating excitement and cultural inspiration together with people around the world.
- Customer Experience<sup>\*1</sup>: Joy, Beauty, Confidence, Discovery
- Yamaha Quality<sup>\*2</sup>: Excellence, Authenticity, Innovation

## Basic Corporate Governance Structure

Yamaha has transitioned to a Company with Three Committees (Nominating, Audit, and Compensation). Yamaha deems this new organizational model to be appropriate as it will allow the Company to clarify the separation between the roles of business supervision and business execution, ensure a highly effective Board of Directors through the strengthening of oversight functions, and realize accurate and swift business execution.

Independent outside directors make up a significant proportion of outside directors, and the Company has established the

- Yamaha Way<sup>\*3</sup>: Embrace Your Will, Stand on Integrity, Take Proactive Actions, Go Beyond the Limits, Stick to the Goals

<sup>\*1</sup>Customer Experience exemplifies the meaning of "Sharing Passion & Performance" from the customer's viewpoint. When customers experience, use, or own Yamaha products and services they should experience a profound response that will stimulate both their emotions and senses.

<sup>\*2</sup>Yamaha Quality is a set of criteria that supports Yamaha's insistence on quality in products and services and the Company's dedication to excellence in manufacturing. These criteria assist in making the Corporate Philosophy a reality.

<sup>\*3</sup>The Yamaha Way explains the mindset that all employees of the Yamaha Group should adopt, and the manner in which they should act on a daily basis, in order to put the Corporate Philosophy into practice.

### Promises to Stakeholders

#### • Customer-Oriented and Quality-Conscious Management

Yamaha fully satisfies its customers by offering quality products and services that incorporate new and traditional technologies as well as refined creativity and artistry.

#### • Transparent and Sound Management

Yamaha delivers proper returns to shareholders by ensuring a solid business performance and achieves lasting development through transparent and sound management.

#### • Valuing People

Yamaha strives to be an organization where each person's individuality and creativity are respected and all can demonstrate their full potential through their work.

#### • Harmony with Society

Yamaha is a good corporate citizen that contributes to the development of society, culture, and the economy by observing laws, demonstrating high ethical standards, and endeavoring to protect the environment.

Moreover, the organizational structure and systems that Yamaha has established for corporate governance conforms to Japan's Corporate Governance Code. Items of our organizational structure and systems that are not based on the Code are explained and disclosed in sections of our Corporate Governance Report.  
<https://www.yamaha.com/en/ir/governance/>

Nominating Committee, the Audit Committee, and the Compensation Committee, which are required by law to consist of a majority of outside directors. In doing so, the Company leverages supervisory functions that are highly transparent and objective.

Furthermore, the executive officers, who fulfill a direct responsibility to the shareholders, have received the authority from the Board of Directors to oversee important decision-making related to business execution, thereby allowing the Company to realize accurate and swift business execution going forward.

## Board of Directors

As of June 23, 2017, there were nine members on the Board of Directors (including six outside directors). As a general rule, the Board meets once a month. Based on its fiduciary responsibilities, the Board of Directors promotes the Group's sustainable growth and corporate value improvement over the medium to long term. The Board of Directors also oversees the performance of the executive officers and directors. At the same time, the Board determines important matters required by basic management policies, laws and ordinances, the articles of incorporation, and the rules of the Board of Directors. The Company entrusts decision-making on other matters to the executive officers in an effort to separate the roles of business supervision and business execution. In doing so, the Company is able to realize accurate and swift business execution.

The Board of Directors comprises directors who possess the necessary insight to fulfill their duties and a high level of ethics, honesty, and integrity. These directors also have a diverse range of expert knowledge and experience. In terms of Board of Director size, the Company chooses an appropriate number of Board members that allows the Board to exercise its functions in an effective and efficient manner. Moreover, to ensure highly transparent and objective supervisory functions, the Company maintains a suitable balance between the number of inside and outside directors serving on the Board.

In light of its fiduciary responsibility to the Company's shareholders, the Board of Directors works to realize sustainable growth for the Company and improve corporate value over the medium to long term while also giving consideration to all of the Company's stakeholders. Through a thorough understanding of relevant rules and regulations—in addition the Company's articles of incorporation—and a sufficient amount of information gathering, the Board actively exchanges opinions and holds constructive debate at the Board of Directors' meetings.

Independent outside directors act as a supervisory function on management and conflicts of interest as well as offer advice based

on an independent and objective opinion. These directors also ensure that the opinions of stakeholders are properly reflected in the Board of Directors' actions.

Moreover, Yamaha analyzes and evaluates the Board of Directors' effectiveness through self-assessment by directors, including outside directors. The results are shared throughout the Board and used as a reference to help enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Yamaha carried out evaluations, including evaluations by outside specialists, in fiscal 2017 using the following processes.

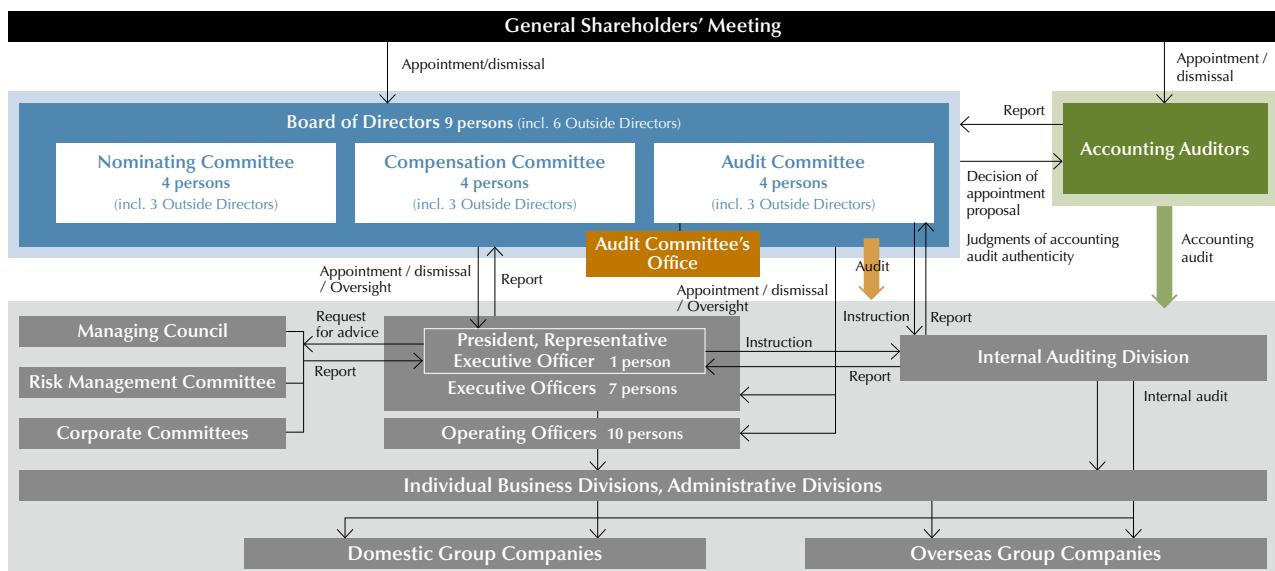
- Implementation of survey geared toward the directors and auditors regarding the "roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors," "structure of the Board of Directors," "roles and qualities of directors," and "management of the Board of Directors"
- Evaluations, including evaluations by outside specialists, and analyses based on survey answers and individual interviews
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board of Directors based on the results of these analyses as well as discussion and materialization of improvements for applicable issues

Through these processes, Yamaha assessed the Board of Directors to be effective and functioning appropriately from the following perspectives.

- The Board of Directors is made up of directors and auditors, including multiple independent outside directors, with a diverse range of perspectives and experience.
- The Board of Directors oversees the Company's management from an independent standpoint with a high level of effectiveness.
- The Board of Directors holds sincere and constructive debate on important management issues.
- Improvements have been made toward issues pointed out in the previous evaluation of the Board of Directors' effectiveness.

Meanwhile, constructive opinions were presented to further enhance the oversight functions of the Board. Based on the results of these evaluations, Yamaha will work to further improve the effectiveness of the Board of Directors by continually making improvements.

## Corporate Governance Structure (As of June 23, 2017)



### Reorganization of Systems and Structure to Strengthen Corporate Governance

2001 Adopted an executive officer system to separate management decision-making/supervision and execution functions

2003 Reduced the number of full-time directors from nine to eight, appointed an outside director, increased the number of outside corporate auditors from one to two, and established the Corporate Auditors' Office

2005 Clearly defined directors' management responsibilities and reduced the term of directors from two years to one year to create a system that can swiftly respond to changing business environments

2006 Adopted a group manager system that concedes business execution authority to full-time directors so they can swiftly respond to management issues

2009 Increased the number of outside corporate auditors from two to three

2010 Decreased the number of full-time directors from eight to three, increased the number of outside directors from one to two, and registered one outside director as an independent officer as stipulated by Japan's Financial Instruments and Exchange Act

2011 Reorganized Internal Auditing Division to centralize audit functions and to promote comprehensive audits

2012 Increased the number of outside directors from two to three

2014 Increased the number of full-time directors from three to four

2015 Reduced the number of full-time directors from four to three

2017 Transitioned to a Company with Three Committees (Nominating, Audit, and Compensation)

#### Nominating Committee

As of June 23, 2017, the Nominating Committee consisted of four members (three of whom were outside directors). Outside directors account for the majority of the Committee, whose members and chair are determined by the Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee decides on the content of proposals regarding the appointment and dismissal of directors, which are submitted at the General Shareholders' Meeting. The Committee also determines the content of proposals for the appointment and dismissal of executive officers and operating officers, which are submitted to the Board of Directors. Furthermore, the Committee oversees succession plans for the president and representative executive officer, in addition to other important positions, through the development of human resources to serve as future directors, executive officers, and operating officers.

#### Nominating Committee

	Name	Position
Member	Takuya Nakata	Director
	Hiroyuki Yanagi	Outside director
	Shigeru Nosaka	Outside director
	Masatoshi Ito	Outside director

#### Audit Committee

As of June 23, 2017, the Audit Committee had four members (three of whom were outside directors). Outside directors comprise the majority of the Audit Committee, whose members and chair are determined by the Board of Directors. The chair of the Audit Committee is chosen from a group of independent outside officers.

The Audit Committee conducts both independent audits and audits in collaboration with the Internal Auditing Division regarding the establishment and operational status of internal control systems at the Company and Group companies. Based on the results of these audits, the Committee conducts further audits to determine the legitimacy and validity of the performance of executive officers and directors.

When deemed necessary, the Audit Committee reports and expresses opinions to the Board of Directors regarding the performance of executive officers and directors. The Committee also has the authority to demand the cessation of an executive officer or director's actions. Moreover, the Committee determines the content of proposals regarding the appointment or dismissal of accounting auditors, which are submitted at the General Shareholders' Meeting.

Yamaha appoints one full-time member to the Audit Committee in order to enhance the Committee's ability to gather internal information. In addition, the Company has established the Auditing Office as a full-time organization under the direct jurisdiction of the Audit Committee that assists the Committee with its work. The Company requires the approval of the Audit Committee to carry out evaluations, reassignments, and disciplinary action of the Auditing Office's personnel, thereby ensuring the Office's independence from the executive officers and other parties responsible for business execution.

The Audit Committee has secured a sufficiently appropriate structure for determining the necessary items to consider when auditing the performance of executive officers and directors. The system includes collaboration and information exchange with the accounting auditor and the Internal Auditing Division. Through this system, the Committee works to improve the quality and efficiency of its audits.

The Internal Auditing Division reports the results of its audits to the Audit Committee on a regular basis and additionally when necessary. At the same time, the Division must make reports to the Audit Committee at any time the Committee requests it to do so.

The Audit Committee is allowed to provide instruction regarding the audits of the Internal Auditing Division when necessary.

In the event that the instruction provided to the Internal Auditing Division by the Audit Committee regarding the content of audits conflicts with instruction provided by the president and representative executive officer, the Company gives priority to the Audit Committee's instruction.

The Audit Committee also offers its opinion on the reassignment of Internal Auditing Division managers before such reassignments take place.

**Audit Committee**

	Name	Position
Member	Masahito Hosoi	Director
	Junya Hakoda	Outside director
	Yoshimi Nakajima	Outside director
	Taku Fukui	Outside director

**Compensation Committee**

As of June 23, 2017, the Compensation Committee had four members (three of whom were outside directors). Outside directors comprise the majority of the Compensation Committee, whose members and chair are determined by the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee has formulated the policy for determining director, executive officer, and operating officer remuneration and decides on individual remuneration amounts based on this policy.

**Compensation Committee**

	Name	Position
Member	Takuya Nakata	Director
	Hiroyuki Yanagi	Outside director
	Shigeru Nosaka	Outside director
	Masatoshi Ito	Outside director

**Executive Officers**

Yamaha appoints executive officers to oversee business execution. As of June 23, 2017, the Company had seven officers. With a Companywide perspective, the executive officers conduct

important decision-making regarding the tasks they are entrusted to execute and carry out by the Board of Directors under the Board's supervision.

The representative executive officer is the chief executive of the Company's business execution. The representative executive officer oversees the execution of the Company's business in accordance with basic policies determined by the Board of Directors. The Company had one representative executive officer as of June 23, 2017, who also serves as Company president.

The executive officers assist with the work carried out by the representative executive officer while acting as the heads of business and administrative groups, or assuming a role with an equivalent level of responsibility as the heads of such groups.

**Managing Council**

Yamaha established the Managing Council, comprising executive officers, which acts as an advisory body to the president and representative executive officer. In principle, the Managing Council holds meetings twice a month to engage in debate on important management issues.

**Corporate Committees**

The Company has established corporate committees that act as advisory bodies to the president and representative executive officer. These committees hold discussions on the direction and important themes of examinations and initiatives that are continuously carried out on a cross-organizational and management level basis. The committees report the results of these discussions to the president and representative executive officer.

**Outside Directors (As of June 23, 2017)**

Name	Independent officer	Reasons for appointment	Views on their independence	Board of Directors' meetings attended
Hiroyuki Yanagi	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Has excellent character and insight</li> <li>· Has management experience as the representative director of Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.</li> <li>· Can be counted on to strengthen Yamaha's governance functions, improve brand value, and provide appropriate advice from an objective standpoint</li> </ul>	Although he has not been made an independent director due to the fact that he also serves as the representative director of Yamaha Motor, of which the Company is a major shareholder, he has been appointed as an outside director for the reasons listed.	12 of 13
Shigeru Nosaka	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Has excellent character and insight</li> <li>· Has management experience in other industries</li> <li>· Can be counted on to strengthen Yamaha's governance functions and provide appropriate advice from an objective standpoint</li> </ul>	He has been appointed as an independent officer as he fulfills the legal and Tokyo Stock Exchange requirements for independence as well as the Company's in-house standards for evaluating officer independence.	13 of 13
Masatoshi Ito	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Has excellent character and insight</li> <li>· Has management experience in other industries</li> <li>· Can be counted on to strengthen Yamaha's governance functions and provide appropriate advice from an objective standpoint</li> </ul>	He has been appointed as an independent officer as he fulfills the legal and Tokyo Stock Exchange requirements for independence as well as the Company's in-house standards for evaluating officer independence.	8 of 10
Junya Hakoda	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Has excellent character and insight</li> <li>· Is a CPA with expertise in corporate accounting</li> <li>· Can be counted on to provide equitable and fair audits from an objective standpoint</li> </ul>	He has been appointed as an independent officer as he fulfills the legal and Tokyo Stock Exchange requirements for independence as well as the Company's in-house standards for evaluating officer independence.	Board of Directors' meetings 13 of 13 Board of Auditors' meetings 14 of 15

Name	Independent officer	Reasons for appointment	Views on their independence	Board of Directors' meetings attended
Yoshimi Nakajima	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Has excellent character and considerable insight as a director</li> <li>· Has extensive experience in running businesses in other industries</li> <li>· Can be counted on to oversee and provide appropriate advice from an objective standpoint</li> </ul>	She has been appointed as an independent officer as she fulfills the legal and Tokyo Stock Exchange requirements for independence as well as the Company's in-house standards for evaluating officer independence.	—
Taku Fukui	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Has excellent character and considerable insight as a director</li> <li>· Is an attorney at law and is acquainted with laws and regulations</li> <li>· Can be counted on to oversee and provide appropriate advice from an objective standpoint</li> </ul>	He has been appointed as an independent officer as he fulfills the legal and Tokyo Stock Exchange requirements for independence as well as the Company's in-house standards for evaluating officer independence.	—

Note: The Company has entered into a limited liability agreement with each non-active director under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. Based on this agreement, the limit of liability of such directors is set as the minimum amount stipulated by laws and regulations.

### Risk Management Committee

Yamaha established the Risk Management Committee as an advisory body to the president and representative executive officer, who acts as the Committee's chair. From a Companywide perspective, the Risk Management Committee holds debate on such themes as BCP and disaster mitigation measures, internal control systems, compliance, export inspections, and information security. The results of these debates are reported to the president and representative executive officer.

### Operating Officers

With a Companywide perspective, the operating officers conduct the work they are responsible for under the supervision of the executive officers and in accordance with importance decisions regarding business execution made by the Board of Directors and the executive officers. The operating officers oversee such roles as heads of important business and administrative groups and managers at important Group companies.

As of June 23, 2017, Yamaha had 10 operating officers.

### Internal Audits

Yamaha established the Internal Auditing Division (11 staff members as of June 23, 2017) under the direct control of the president and representative executive officer. The Division's role is to closely examine and evaluate management and operations systems, as well as operational execution, for all management activities undertaken by the Company and Group companies from the standpoint of legality, effectiveness, and efficiency. Based on the results of these examinations and evaluations, the Division provides information and offers advice and proposals for improvement. The Company selects one member of the Internal Auditing Division to oversee internal audits in an effort to improve internal auditing functions. The Internal Auditing Division has in place a structure for close collaboration with the Audit Committee based on policies for ensuring the effectiveness of the Audit Committee's audits, which are determined by the Board of Directors. At the same time, the Division works to boost audit efficiency by keeping in close contact and conducting precise adjustments with the accounting auditors.

### Support System for Outside Directors

A meeting to examine management issues is held monthly, in principle, to provide an opportunity for all directors and executive officers to discuss and share opinions regarding such matters as important management issues and the direction of business strategies. In addition, explanations on individual Board of Director proposals and items reported to the Board are provided when necessary.

Yamaha also creates opportunities at the time of appointment to explain to outside directors the Yamaha Philosophy, corporate governance systems, internal regulations, and the progress of the medium-term management plan, thereby promoting their understanding of the current situation and enhancing their recognition of management issues. When necessary, outside directors are individually provided with explanations about proposals and reports to be submitted to the Board of Directors.

With respect to agenda items at meetings of the Board of Directors and the Board of Auditors to be attended by outside corporate auditors, full-time staff members send documents and other materials to them prior to the meeting and provide explanations as necessary to enable them to perform a complete preliminary study of the agenda. With regard to other material matters, the Company strives at all times to maintain an effective auditing environment, including by providing information, supplying documentation, listening to opinions, and supporting research and data collection.

### Registration of Independent Officers

Yamaha has registered outside directors Shigeru Nosaka, Masatoshi Ito, Junya Hakoda, Yoshimi Nakajima and Taku Fukui as independent officers under the provisions of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE).

In addition to provisions pertaining to officer independence in Japan's Companies Act and the TSE, Yamaha has established the following in-house standards for evaluating officer independence.

- 1 If any of the following items are applicable to the individual, the Company, in principle, will not appoint him or her as an independent officer. Furthermore, if any of the following items become applicable after an individual has been appointed as an independent officer, he or she will be removed from the position.

**A.** Any individual who does not meet the qualification requirements for an outside director or auditor as stipulated in the Companies Act

**B.** Any individual who is a member of a party that places the Group as a primary business partner or does business with such a party, or any individual who is a member of a party the Group places as a primary business partner or does business with such a party

“Primary business partner” refers to a party from which, in any of the past three business years, Yamaha has received compensation that exceeds 2% of the Company’s consolidated net sales, or any party to which Yamaha has paid compensation that exceeds that 2% of that party’s consolidated net sales. “Primary business partner” also includes the top five banks that Yamaha does business with.

**C.** Any individual who is a primary shareholder of the Company or who does business with a primary shareholder of the Company, as well as any director or auditor of a company of which Yamaha is a primary shareholder

“Primary shareholder” refers to an individual or entity that possesses shares or interests that total over 10% of the total shares issued by the Company.

**D.** Any individual who has been dispatched within the Group as a director or auditor

**E.** Any consultant or accounting or legal expert that receives large monetary amounts or other assets from the Company, excluding director remuneration (in the event that a corporation, union, or another kind of organization is receiving the asset, this refers to individuals that are affiliated with such an organization)

“Large monetary amounts or other assets” refers to cases where the Company has made payments of over ¥10 million in any of the past three business years (in the case that the Company provided non-financial compensation, the fair market valuation at the time the compensation was provided is used).

**F.** Any near relative (within the second degree) of an individual to which the following is applicable

1. Any individual described in B through D
2. An individual who does business with the Company or its subsidiaries
3. An individual who was appointed as a director to which (2) was applicable to at the time that the most recent General Shareholders’ Meeting concluded

**2** Even in the event that B, C, or D apply to an individual, if it becomes clear that there is no substantial risk of the individual creating a conflict of interest with the general shareholders, that individual may be appointed as an independent director, or avoid being removed as an independent director, using that reason.

## Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts

Director remuneration consists of a fixed compensation that is set within a limit preapproved at the General Shareholders’ Meeting, a performance-based compensation, and a director bonus that reflects short-term performance. Director remuneration also consists of a share acquisition-based compensation to enhance the incentive for directors to improve corporate value over the

medium to long term. The policy for director remuneration is determined by the Board of Directors after deliberations by the Corporate Directors Personnel Committee. Remuneration for corporate auditors is set within a limit decided on at the General Shareholders’ Meeting and is determined through deliberations among corporate auditors.

Classification	Total compensation (Millions of yen)	Compensation by Type (Millions of yen)			Number of directors and corporate auditors
		Fixed compensation	Performance-based compensation	Bonuses	
Directors (Excluding outside directors)	247	125	46	76	3
Corporate Auditors (Excluding outside corporate auditors)	60	60	—	—	2
Outside Directors and Outside Corporate Auditors	39	39	—	—	6

Notes: 1. In June 2017, the Company transitioned to a Company with Three Committees (Nominating, Audit, and Compensation) organizational model.

2. The above list of outside directors includes a director who resigned as of the 192nd Ordinary General Shareholders’ Meeting held on June 22, 2016.

## Remuneration by Director for Fiscal 2017

Name	Total compensation (Millions of yen)	Director category	Company category	Compensation by Type (Millions of yen)		
				Fixed compensation	Performance-based compensation	Bonuses
Takuya Nakata	138	President and Representative Director	Submitting Company	69	28	40

Note: Only directors whose total consolidated remuneration is ¥100 million or more are listed.

Remuneration for directors other than outside directors comprises (1) a fixed compensation, (2) a performance-based compensation, and (3) a director bonus.

The performance-based compensation is assessed based on the rate of year-on-year growth in return on sales (ROS), return on equity (ROE), and consolidated net sales, as well as the year-on-year improvement rate of consolidated operating income, and ranges from 0 to 50% of fixed compensation depending on individual performance. The director bonus is paid within a compensation framework predetermined at the General Shareholders' Meeting. With an upper limit of 0.5% of consolidated net income of fiscal 2016, the bonuses are calculated in correlation with net income of fiscal 2017.

In addition, since July 2015, directors have acquired 12.5% of fixed compensation in the form of the Company's shares through the Company's Director Shareholding Association and have maintained possession of those shares throughout their term of service. This will further enhance the performance incentive for directors over the medium to long term.

Remuneration for outside directors is limited to only a fixed compensation and amounts are determined taking into account such factors as whether said remuneration is in balance with that of other directors and the scale of Yamaha Corporation's business.

Remuneration for corporate auditors is limited to a fixed compensation and is kept within a limit preapproved at the General Shareholders' Meeting. Amounts are determined through consultation with the corporate auditors, taking into account such factors as whether said remuneration is in balance with that of directors and the scale of Yamaha Corporation's business.

In accordance with Yamaha's transition to a Company with Three Committees (Nominating, Audit, and Compensation), which occurred on June 22, 2017, policies for determining compensation for directors and executive officers, as well as individual compensation amounts, will be decided by the Compensation Committee.

In addition, as of July 2017, the Compensation Committee has determined the following policies for director and executive officer compensation.

Compensation for directors, excluding outside directors and directors who are Audit Committee members, and executive officers, excluding executive officers who oversee internal audits, comprises (1) a fixed compensation, (2) a performance-based bonus, and (3) a restricted stock compensation. Of these three parts, the fixed compensation accounts for roughly 50% of overall compensation, with the performance-based bonus and restricted stock compensation accounting for 30% and 20%, respectively. The performance-based bonus is connected to year-on-year growth in consolidated net income and consolidated return on equity (ROE) and is calculated after taking into consideration individual performance. Individual performance is evaluated based on business and function-specific indicators within the respective field of each director and executive officer. The restricted stock compensation has been introduced with the aim of continuously improving corporate value and sharing value with the Company's shareholders. Two-thirds of this compensation is linked to the overall business performance of the Company with the purpose of enhancing motivation for achieving the targets of the medium-term management plan. The Company has established growth in consolidated return on sales (ROS), earnings per share (EPS), and ROE, which represent key targets adopted under the medium-term management plan, as equally important indicators for evaluating business performance. Furthermore, the Company has set the restriction period for stock transfer at ten years after the conclusion of the medium-term management plan with the intention of sharing value with the shareholders over a long-term period. In accordance with the respective responsibilities of each director or executive officer, the Company has also established a clawback provision in which all or a certain amount of the accumulated restricted stock compensation is withheld in the event of improper accounting or a major profit loss.

Compensation for outside directors, directors who are Audit Committee members, and executive officers who oversee internal audits is limited to a fixed salary.

## Accounting Auditor

Yamaha has appointed Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC as its accounting auditor. Takahiro Takiguchi and Tomoaki Ito, CPAs of said accounting auditor firm, have performed Yamaha's accounting audit. Ernst & Young ShinNihon has voluntarily adopted a rotating

system for its managing partners and has taken measures to ensure that the number of continuous years of service does not exceed a fixed period of time. In addition, 12 CPAs and 29 staff assist with the audits.

### Remuneration for Accounting Auditor in Fiscal 2016 and 2017

Classification	Fiscal 2016		Fiscal 2017	
	Compensation based on audit certificate services (Millions of yen)	Compensation based on non-auditing services (Millions of yen)	Compensation based on audit certificate services (Millions of yen)	Compensation based on non-auditing services (Millions of yen)
Filing company	66	—	67	8
Consolidated affiliates	22	21	21	22
Total	88	21	88	30

Notes: Other important remuneration

Fiscal 2017: Yamaha Corporation of America, a consolidated subsidiary of Yamaha Corporation, and 17 other companies paid ¥127 million in compensation based on audit certificate services and ¥43 million based on non-auditing services to Ernst & Young, which is affiliated with the same auditing accounting auditor network as Yamaha Corporation.

Fiscal 2016: Yamaha Corporation of America, a consolidated subsidiary of Yamaha Corporation, and 17 other companies paid ¥135 million in compensation based on audit certificate services and ¥7 million based on non-auditing services to Ernst & Young, which is affiliated with the same auditing accounting auditor network as Yamaha Corporation.

## So-Called Policy Cross-Holdings

Yamaha's principle policy on the ownership of shares is to only possess shares in cases where it is reasonable to do so for the purpose of contributing to sustainable growth and medium-to long-term improvement in corporate value. Such cases refer to possessing shares to continue stable relationships with important business partners and financial institutions, which in turn will enhance brand value, support sustainable growth, and ensure a solid financial foundation.

Yamaha shares its brand with Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd. and has established a Joint Brand Committee, the Yamaha Brand Charter, and the Joint Brand Regulations between the two companies, carrying out a variety of collaborative initiatives. At the same time, through the mutual possession of shares and dispatch of directors, both companies can appropriately monitor each other's initiatives geared toward sustainable growth. Yamaha believes that by

working to maintain and improve the Yamaha brand value through this mutual monitoring and collaborative relationship with Yamaha Motor, it can contribute to improving the Company's corporate value over the medium to long term.

Also, the Board of Directors regularly and continuously verifies the reasonableness of each policy shareholding.

When voting on policy cross-holdings, the pros and cons of each proposal are comprehensively evaluated from the perspective of how the policy cross-holding will work to improve the medium-to long-term corporate value of the company concerned, rather or not the policy cross-holding conforms to Yamaha's principle policy on the ownership of shares, and how the policy shareholding will lead to improvement in the Company's corporate value over the medium to long term.

## Basic Concept of the Internal Control System

The Company has established an internal control system pursuant to Japan's Companies Act and the Enforcement Regulations of the Companies Act. This system aims to improve the efficiency of the Company's business activities, ensure reporting liability and thorough compliance with laws and regulations, maintain Company assets, and enhance risk management.

Furthermore, Yamaha requires subsidiaries to establish internal controls that confirm with the Group's internal control policy, which was determined by the Company, based on the Group Management Charter, which stipulates Group management policies. In regard to decisions on certain important items, other than

management information, that impact Group management, subsidiaries are required to receive consent from the Company in advance, and must also report the results of decisions on certain items.

Yamaha has developed and put into operation internal controls for financial reporting based on implementation standards for internal control reporting systems (the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act). We will maintain and more firmly establish this internal control system to ensure the reliability of our financial reporting.

## Compliance Framework

Not only does the Yamaha Group observe laws and regulations, it seeks strict compliance management that addresses social norms and corporate ethics. The Working Group for Compliance was established as a subordinate body to the Risk Management Committee, an advisory body to the president and representative executive officer, to promote and strengthen compliance in cooperation with the staff and departments in charge of laws and regulations.

In 2003, Yamaha established the Compliance Code of Conduct, a compilation of items to be strictly observed that is disseminated to all Group officers and employees (including part-time and contract employees) through worksite briefings. We also implement training sessions on a regular basis to ensure the thorough enforcement of the Code. Since its establishment, we have localized the Code by creating overseas and regional

versions based on the laws, regulations, and social norms of the countries in which our Group companies are based, and have introduced translated versions of the code at 32 companies. In 2006, 2011 and 2016, we revised the Code to respond to changes in the operating environment.

Furthermore, Yamaha conducts routine compliance surveys with the goal of raising Group employee awareness and gaining a better understanding of potential risks.

As a system for handling compliance-related inquiries and reports from employees, Yamaha has established a Compliance Help Line that connects to the Working Group for Compliance executive office and an outside attorney. The Compliance Help Line accepts inquiries not only from employees but also from interested parties including business partners.

## General Shareholders' Meetings

Yamaha has positioned the General Shareholders' Meeting as the highest decision-making body of the Company. At these meetings, decisions are made on important matters and reports are given on audit results such as consolidated financial statements. As a general rule, invitations are sent out at least three weeks prior to the date the meeting is to be held. In addition, Yamaha avoids holding the meeting on dates that conflict with the meetings of other companies in an effort to have as many shareholders participate as possible.

In regard to exercising voting rights, Yamaha implements electronic voting via the Internet, in addition to conventional voting

methods via mail, in order to allow those shareholders who could not participate in the meeting the chance to vote. The Company also uses an electronic voting platform geared toward institutional investors to allow those with substantial voting rights to vote. At the General Shareholders' Meeting, business reports are made using video to deepen the understanding of the shareholders in attendance. After the meeting concludes, the Company carries out events such as a mini concert that introduces its products. In addition, items that are reported and items that are voted on are uploaded to the Company's website after the meeting finishes.  
[https://www.yamaha.com/en/ir/shareholder\\_info/](https://www.yamaha.com/en/ir/shareholder_info/)

## Items Voted On at the Fiscal 2017 General Shareholders' Meeting

The number of votes for and against items proposed at the 193rd General Shareholders' Meeting, held on June 22, 2017, the number of abstained votes, the necessary conditions for proposed items to be approved, and the results of each proposal are as follows.

Proposal	Number of votes for	Number of votes against	Number of abstained votes	Approval percentage	Result
Proposal 1: Appropriation of surplus	1,570,512	4,273	1,969	98.3	Approved
Proposal 2: Partial revision to the Articles of Incorporation	1,569,816	4,981	1,969	98.2	Approved
Proposal 3: Election of Nine Directors					
Takuya Nakata	1,534,639	40,139	1,985	96.0	Approved
Satoshi Yamahata	1,567,906	6,877	1,985	98.1	Approved
Masahito Hosoi	1,544,706	30,073	1,985	96.6	Approved
Hiroyuki Yanagi	1,103,812	470,967	1,985	69.1	Approved
Shigeru Nosaka	1,569,103	5,680	1,985	98.2	Approved
Masatoshi Ito	1,561,543	13,238	1,985	97.7	Approved
Junya Hakoda	1,568,910	5,873	1,985	98.2	Approved
Yoshimi Nakajima	1,424,321	150,457	1,985	89.1	Approved
Taku Fukui	1,572,388	2,396	1,985	98.4	Approved

Notes: 1. The necessary conditions for each proposal to be approved are as follows.

- (1) Proposal 1 requires a majority of votes in favor from the shareholders in attendance.
- (2) Proposal 2 was approved at a General Shareholders' Meeting in which a minimum of one-third of shareholders with voting rights attended and with over two-thirds of votes in favor from the shareholders in attendance.
- (3) Proposal 3 was approved at a General Shareholders' Meeting in which a minimum of one-third of shareholders with voting rights attended and with a majority of votes in favor from shareholders in attendance.

2. Reason why a part of votes from shareholders who attended the General Shareholders' Meeting were not included in the vote count  
The requirements for passage of the resolutions have been met as a result of aggregating the number of voting rights indicating approval or rejection exercised in advance on or before the day prior to the day of this General Shareholders' Meeting and the voting rights of certain shareholders who attended the meeting and whose intention to approve or reject the propositions have been confirmed, and the resolutions were thereby enacted lawfully under the Companies Act. Accordingly, the results of the exercise of voting rights by shareholders who attended the meeting but whose intention to approve or reject the proposition or to abstain from the votes cannot be confirmed are not included in the vote count.

## Investor Relations (IR)

The Company's disclosure policy is listed on its website and states that the Company aims for the fair and prompt disclosure of accurate information. Guided by this policy, the Company endeavors to actively disclose information to institutional and private investors without discrepancy in a timely manner. At the same time, Yamaha is carrying out activities to enhance investors' understanding of the Company.

In addition to holding financial results briefings for securities analysts and institutional investors, Yamaha holds explanatory meetings on its management policies and individual businesses and offers educational tours of its factories and facilities as needed. For overseas investors, the Company uploads English translations of presentation documents and Q&A sessions from events held in Japan on its website. In addition, the president and representative executive officer, as well as directors, visit investors overseas several times a year to explain the Company's

management plans and conditions of its business. In this way, the Company endeavors to promote mutual understanding through direct dialogue with investors.

Yamaha holds briefings for private investors in cities across Japan to encourage more people to become loyal fans and shareholders of the Company.

The IR manager in charge shares the opinions of shareholders and investors, which are gathered through these kinds of initiatives in communication, with the relevant internal departments. Responsible directors and executive officers report the results of their efforts to the Board of Directors in an appropriate manner and receive management-related feedback. This feedback is used to help make future improvements.

Also, the Company sets a quiet period every quarter from the quarter settling day to the day that financial results are announced in which it avoids dialogue on financial information.

### Major IR Activities in Fiscal 2017

Activities		Frequency	Content
For analysts and institutional investors	Financial results briefings	4	Briefings on the results of the quarter
	Business briefings	1	Briefings on the musical instruments and audio equipment business
	One-on-one meetings	260	IR interviews
For overseas investors	Overseas roadshows	3	Visits by the president and representative director and other responsible officers (North America, Europe, Asia)
For private investors	Explanatory meetings for private investors	1	Tokyo

## Business Continuity Plan (BCP)

The Risk Management Committee and its subsidiary body, the Working Group for BCP and Disaster Prevention Management, have put the necessary systems and countermeasures in place to respond to a wide range of risks.

In fiscal 2009, Yamaha formulated the BCP Guidelines—its basic Companywide policy for its business continuity plan—which is designed to enable the immediate resumption of

operations in the event of an earthquake in Japan's Tokai region, where Yamaha's headquarters are located, or another major natural disaster that could cause damage to Yamaha's buildings or facilities. In January 2012, Yamaha established various guidelines including BCP/Disaster Basic Countermeasures, Earthquake Countermeasures, and Fire Countermeasures, which update and supersede the BCP Guidelines.

## Board of Directors and Corporate Officers (As of June 23, 2017)

### Board of Directors



1

**Takuya Nakata**  
Director, President and Representative Executive Officer

1981 Joined Nippon Gakki Co., Ltd.\*  
2005 General Manager of Pro Audio & Digital Musical Instruments Division  
2006 Executive Officer  
2009 Director and Executive Officer  
2010 Senior Executive Officer of Yamaha Corporation  
President of Yamaha Corporation of America  
2013 Deputy Executive General Manager of Musical Instruments & Audio  
Products Sales & Marketing Unit of Yamaha Corporation  
President and Representative Director  
2014 Director of Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd. (Outside Director)  
(to the present)  
2015 President of Yamaha Music Foundation (to the present)  
2017 Executive General Manager of Musical Instruments & Audio Products  
Business Unit  
Director, President and Representative Executive Officer  
(to the present)

2

**Satoshi Yamahata**  
Director and Managing Executive Officer

1988 Joined Yamaha Corporation  
2009 General Manager of Accounting and Finance Division  
2013 Executive Officer and General Manager of Corporate Planning Division  
2015 Director, Senior Executive Officer and Executive General Manager of  
Operations Unit (to the present)  
2016 Executive General Manager of Corporate Management Unit  
(to the present)  
2017 Director and Managing Executive Officer (to the present)

3

**Masahito Hosoi**  
Director

1978 Joined Nippon Gakki Co., Ltd.\*  
2005 General Manager of Human Resources Division  
2009 Executive Officer  
2013 Senior Executive Officer and Executive General Manager of Corporate  
Administration Unit  
2014 Full-Time Corporate Auditor  
2017 Director of Yamaha Corporation (to the present)

\*Currently Yamaha Corporation

**4****Hiroyuki Yanagi**

Outside Director

(President, Chief Executive Officer and Representative Director of Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.)

1978 Joined Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.  
 2007 Executive Officer of Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.  
 2009 Senior Executive Officer of Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.  
 2010 President, Chief Executive Officer and Representative Director of Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd. (to the present)  
 2011 Outside Director of Yamaha Corporation (to the present)

**5****Shigeru Nosaka**

Outside Director

(Director, Executive Vice President &amp; CFO of Oracle Corporation Japan)

1976 Joined Marubeni Corporation  
 1989 Joined Apple Computer KK  
 1996 Joined Allergan, Inc,  
 Joined Japan Communications Inc. as Senior Executive Officer  
 2002 Joined Oracle Corporation Japan, and became Director and Managing Executive Officer  
 2005 Retired from Oracle Corporation Japan  
 2007 Joined again as Senior Managing Executive Officer of Oracle Corporation Japan  
 2008 Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer of Oracle Corporation Japan  
 2011 Director and Executive Vice President of Oracle Corporation Japan (to the present)  
 2015 Outside Director of Yamaha Corporation (to the present)

**6****Masatoshi Ito**

Outside Director

(Representative Director and Chairman of the Board of Ajinomoto Co., Inc.)

1971 Joined Ajinomoto Co., Inc.  
 1999 Member of the Board and General Manager of Food Products Business Unit Ajinomoto Co., Inc.  
 2003 Member of the Board of Ajinomoto Co., Inc. and President of Ajinomoto Frozen Foods Co., Inc.  
 2006 Representative Director and Corporate Senior Vice President, and President of Food Products Company of Ajinomoto Co., Inc.  
 2009 Representative Director, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ajinomoto Co., Inc.  
 2015 Representative Director and Chairman of the Board of Ajinomoto Co., Inc. (to the present)  
 2016 Outside Director of Yamaha Corporation (to the present)  
 Outside Director of Japan Airlines Co., Ltd. (to the present)

**7****Junya Hakoda**

Outside Director

1974 Joined Mitsubishi Rayon Co., Ltd.  
 1980 Joined Pricewaterhouse CPA Office  
 1983 Joined Aoyama Audit Corporation  
 1984 Registered as a Certified Public Accountant  
 2006 Representative of Arata Audit Corporation  
 2012 Representative of Junya Hakoda & Co. (to the present)  
 2014 Corporate Auditor (Part-Time) of Schroder Investment Management (Japan) Limited (to the present)  
 2015 Outside Director of AEON Financial Service Co., Ltd.  
 (to the present)  
 Outside Corporate Auditor of Yamaha Corporation  
 2017 Outside Director of Yamaha Corporation (to the present)

**8****Yoshimi Nakajima**

Outside Director

1980 Joined The Yasuda Trust and Banking Co., Ltd.  
 (currently Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd.)  
 1982 Joined AVON PRODUCTS Co., Ltd., Tokyo Japan  
 1997 Joined Citibank N.A. as Vice President of Consumer Banking Headquarters  
 2000 Joined Societe Generale Securities Japan Limited as Senior General Manager  
 2002 Joined American Express International, Inc. as Vice President and Head of Global Travelers Cheques and Prepaid Services, Japan  
 2003 Vice President, Head of Marketing, International Consumer and Small Business Services Division, Japan branch of American Express International, Inc.  
 2011 Country Manager (President), Singapore branch of American Express International, Inc.  
 2014 Senior Vice President, Head of Acquisition Marketing, International Consumer and Small Business Services Division, Japan branch of American Express International, Inc.  
 President and Representative Director of American Express Japan Co., Ltd.  
 2016 Resigned from American Express International, Inc.  
 Retired as President and Representative Director of American Express Japan Co., Ltd.  
 2017 Outside Director of Yamaha Corporation (to the present)

**9****Taku Fukui**

Outside Director

1987 Registered as an attorney  
 Joined Kashiwagi Sogo Law Offices  
 2004 Professor of Keio University Law School (to the present)  
 2005 Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd. (to the present)  
 2009 Managing Partner of Kashiwagi Sogo Law Offices (to the present)  
 2011 Supervisory Director of HEIWA REAL ESTATE REIT, Inc.  
 (to the present)  
 2017 Outside Director of Yamaha Corporation (to the present)

## Executive Officers

### President and Representative Executive Officer

#### Takuya Nakata

Executive General Manager of Musical Instruments & Audio Products Business Unit

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### Managing Executive Officers

#### Shinobu Kawase

Executive General Manager of Musical Instruments & Audio Products Production Unit

1983 Joined Nippon Gakki Co., Ltd.\*  
2004 President of Yamaha Fine Technologies Co., Ltd.  
2011 General Manager of Wind, String & Percussion Instruments Division  
2013 General Manager of Acoustic Musical Instruments Production Division, Musical Instruments & Audio Products Production Unit  
2014 Executive Officer  
2015 Senior Executive Officer  
Executive General Manager of Musical Instruments & Audio Products Production Unit  
2016 Managing Executive Officer  
2017 Managing Executive Officer\*<sup>2</sup> (to the present)

#### Satoshi Yamahata

Executive General Manager of Corporate Management Unit and Operations Unit

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### Executive Officers

#### Shigeki Fujii

Executive General Manager of IMC Business Unit

1983 Joined Nippon Gakki Co., Ltd.\*  
2005 General Manager of Advanced System Division Center  
2009 General Manager of Semiconductor Division  
2013 Executive Officer  
2013 Executive General Manager of IMC Business Unit  
2015 Senior Executive Officer  
2017 Executive Officer\*<sup>2</sup> (to the present)

#### Akira Iizuka

Executive General Manager of Technology Unit

1980 Joined Nippon Gakki Co., Ltd.\*  
2005 General Manager of Pro Audio & Digital Musical Instruments Division  
2007 General Manager of INFO-Sound Division  
2009 Executive Officer  
2013 General Manager of Research & Development Division, Musical Instruments & Audio Products Development Unit  
2015 Executive General Manager of Technology Unit (to the present)  
2016 Senior Executive Officer  
2017 Executive Officer\*<sup>2</sup> (to the present)

### Seiichi Yamaguchi

Executive General Manager of Musical Instruments & Audio Products Sales & Marketing Unit

1985 Joined Nippon Gakki Co., Ltd.\*  
2006 Director and President of Yamaha Scandinavia AB  
2010 President of Yamaha Music & Electronics (China) Co., Ltd.  
2013 Executive Officer  
2014 General Manager of Business Planning Division, Musical Instruments & Audio Products Sales & Marketing Unit  
2015 Executive General Manager of Service Business Unit  
2016 Senior Executive Officer  
2017 Executive General Manager of Musical Instruments & Audio Products Sales Unit  
Executive Officer\*<sup>2</sup> (to the present)

### Takashi Dairokuno

In charge of internal audits

1982 Joined Nippon Gakki Co., Ltd.\*  
2002 Director and President of Yamaha Electronique Alsace S.A.  
2005 General Manager of Pro Audio & Digital Musical Instruments Division  
2011 General Manager of Human Resources Division  
2012 General Manager of Human Resources & General Administration Division  
2014 General Manager of Internal Auditing Division  
2015 Full-Time Corporate Auditor  
2017 Executive Officer\*<sup>2</sup> (to the present)

### Operating Officers

#### Hirofumi Osawa

Senior General Manager of Audio Products Business Division, Musical Instruments & Audio Products Business Unit

#### Kazunori Kobayashi

President of Yamaha Music Japan Co., Ltd.

#### Hitoshi Fukutome

President of Yamaha Corporation of America

#### Teruhiko Tsurumi

Chairman and President of Yamaha Music & Electronics (China) Co., Ltd.

#### Kimiyasu Ito

Senior General Manager of Musical Instruments Business Division and Musical Instruments Development Division, Musical Instruments & Audio Products Business Unit

#### Masato Takai

Executive General Manager of Human Resources and General Administration Unit

#### Shinichi Takenaga

President and Director of PT. Yamaha Musik Indonesia (Distributor)

#### Masato Oshiki

Senior General Manager of Asia-Pacific Sales Division, Musical Instruments & Audio Products Sales Unit

#### Thomas Schöpe

President of Yamaha Music Europe GmbH

#### Takashi Haga

Corporate Managing Director of Yamaha Music India Pvt. Ltd.

\*1 Currently Yamaha Corporation

\*2 The role of Executive Officer has changed from June 2017 following the transition to a Company with Three Committees (Nominating, Audit, and Compensation)

# Risk Factors

Among the matters covered in this annual report, items that may have a material impact on the decisions of investors include those listed and described below. In addition, information related to future events as described in the text is based on judgments made by the Yamaha Group at the end of the fiscal year under review.

## 1 Economic Conditions

The Yamaha Group has a global business presence and therefore is subject to the influence of economic conditions in Japan and other countries. Recessions in world markets and accompanying declines in demand may have a negative effect on the Group's business results and the development of its business.

## 2 Price Competition

The Yamaha Group confronts severe competition in each of its business segments. For example, in the musical instruments segment, the Company is a comprehensive manufacturer of musical instruments and sells high-quality, high-performance instruments covering a broad price spectrum. However, the Company confronts competitors in each musical instruments segment, and competition in the lower price segments has become more intense, especially in recent years.

Also, in the audio equipment segment, the Yamaha Group is subject to competition from low-priced products. Changes in logistics and distribution and new technology trends could expose this business to even greater price competition, which could have an impact on the Group's current strong position.

## 3 New Technology Development

The Yamaha Group will focus its management resources on the core business domains of sound and music. The Group will firmly establish itself as the world's leading comprehensive musical instruments manufacturer. The audio equipment segment has been expanded, with a focus on the AV products category and PA equipment. The others segment has also been expanded, mainly in the areas of onboard devices, amusement equipment, and industrial parts and machinery.

Differentiating the Group's technologies in the fields of sound, music, networks, and devices is essential for the Group's further development and growth. In developing these technologies, if the Group does not continue to correctly forecast future market needs and adequately meet them, the added value of its products in the musical instruments segment will decline, which may lead to price competition. As a result, the Group may be unable to stimulate new demand for its products and may find it difficult to sustain the audio equipment and others businesses.

## 4 Business Investment

The Group makes business investments including capital investments to promote business growth. However, when making investment decisions, even though the Group monitors investment return and risk both qualitatively and quantitatively and makes careful, considered judgments, depending on circumstances, the Group may be unable to recover a portion or the full amount of its investments, or may decide to withdraw from a business, thereby resulting in additional losses. In such cases, the value of assets invested in such businesses may be subject to impairment.

## 5 Business Alliances

In recent years, partnership strategies, including alliances, joint ventures, and investments in other companies, have increased in importance for the Group. In some cases, the anticipated effects of such alliances and investments may not materialize because of conflicts of interest, or changes in the business strategies of the partner, or other reasons.

## 6 Dependence on Customers in Materials and Parts Business

The semiconductors, automobile interior wood components, and materials and parts that the Group manufactures and sells are affected by the business performance of the manufacturers who buy them.

When the bonds of trust between such customers and Group companies are impaired by delivery, quality, or other issues, this may have a negative impact on future orders. Moreover, customers may ask Group companies to compensate them for quality problems or other defects.

## 7 International Business and Overseas Expansion

The Yamaha Group has established a global presence, with production and sales bases in various parts of the world. Of the Group's 66 consolidated subsidiaries, 46 are foreign corporations, of which 24 are manufacturing and production companies, with principal bases of operation in China, Indonesia, and Malaysia. Overseas sales comprise 66.1% of the Group's net sales.

Various risks, including those listed below, are inherent to the expansion of business overseas. If such risks materialize, including adverse effects caused by an over-concentration of manufacturing facilities in a particular region, the Group may not be able to provide stable supplies of its products. Such risks include:

- (a) Political and economic turmoil, terrorism, and war
- (b) Introduction of adverse policies or imposition of, or changes in regulations
- (c) Unexpected changes in laws or regulations
- (d) Difficulty in recruiting personnel
- (e) Sharp rises in personnel expenses and commodity prices
- (f) Difficulty in procuring raw materials and parts as well as issues related to the level of technology
- (g) Interruption of distribution due to harbor strikes, etc.
- (h) Imposition of taxes under transfer pricing regulations
- (i) Labor disputes including strikes

## 8 Raw Material Prices, Raw Material Supplies, and Logistics Costs

To manufacture its products, the Group uses raw materials, including lumber, metals such as copper, and plastics, for parts. Increases in the prices of these materials raise manufacturing costs. In addition, specific suppliers supply the Group with different raw materials. Supply conditions for those materials could have an impact on the Group's manufacturing activities.

In addition, when logistics costs increase due to sharply rising crude oil prices, the ratio of manufacturing costs and cost of sales to net sales may increase.

## 9 Declining Birthrates

In the Yamaha Group's core business of musical instruments, schools constitute an important sales channel, in addition to the Group's music schools and English language schools, whose students are primarily children. Declining birthrates, particularly in Japan, could lead to decreasing sales through these channels.

## 10 Recruitment and Training of Personnel

The average age of the Company's employees is relatively high, with a significant number in the upper age brackets and many approaching the set retirement age. Therefore, an important challenge for the Company is to address the changing composition of the workforce by passing on musical instrument manufacturing know-how and recruiting and training a new generation of employees. If the Company is unable to respond sufficiently to changes in the composition of its workforce, this could interfere with its business activities and future growth.

## 11 Protection and Use of Intellectual Property

The Group possesses intellectual property rights, including patents based on its proprietary technologies, and accumulated business know-how. Some of this intellectual property cannot be fully protected, or can only be partially protected because of legal constraints in certain regions. Therefore, the Group may not be able to effectively prevent third parties from using its intellectual property. As a result, some products of other companies may appear on the market that are similar to, or copies of, those of Group companies, thus interfering with Group sales. In addition, third parties may claim that Group products infringe on their own intellectual property rights. As a result, sales of Group products that employ said intellectual property may be delayed or suspended.

In some cases, the Group licenses the intellectual property of third parties to produce key components for its products. Any increases in royalties paid for such intellectual property may result in higher manufacturing costs, which could affect price-competitiveness. Moreover, if the Group is unable to obtain a license, it may have to suspend manufacturing of the relevant product.

## 12 Defects in Products and Services

The Yamaha Group controls the quality of its products based on corporate quality assurance and product quality rules and regulations. However, there is no guarantee that all products will be free of defects. The Group is insured against product liability claims, as well as damages resulting from defects in certain products, but there is no guarantee that this insurance will be sufficient to cover any potential payments for damages. If product liability issues arise or a major recall is carried out, insurance rates are likely to increase. In that case, the cost to change the design of a product could increase significantly, or the Group's business reputation could be tarnished, which could cause sales to decline, and adversely affect the Group's performance and financial position.

Also, although the Group is very careful about safety and sanitation at the retail shops, music schools, recreation, and other facilities that it operates, in the event of an accident, the stores, schools, or facilities may have to temporarily suspend operation, which could damage the Group's reputation and lead to declining sales.

## 13 Legal Regulations

The Group's business operations throughout the world are subject to the laws and regulations of the countries and regions in which they operate. These laws and regulations include those pertaining to foreign investment, restrictions on exports and imports that may affect national security, commerce, anti-trust issues, consumer protection, tax systems, and environmental protection. In addition, the Group has an obligation to securely manage the personal information of its customers. The Yamaha Group takes every measure to implement compliance, but, if for some unexpected reason, it is unable to comply with laws and regulations, the Group's activities could be restricted and costs could increase as a result.

## 14 Environmental Regulations

With the environmental protection regulations that govern business activities becoming increasingly stringent, companies are being asked to implement voluntary environmental programs as one of their corporate social responsibilities. The Yamaha Group has implemented measures that exceed existing environmental standards for products, packaging materials, energy conservation, and industrial waste treatment. However, there is no guarantee that the Group can completely prevent restricted substances released due to accidents or other causes from exceeding environmental standards, or reduce the release of said substances. Moreover, in cases where soil pollution has occurred on land formerly occupied by industrial plants, substantial soil remediation costs may be incurred when the land is sold in the future, or the land may be impossible to sell. Restricted substances in the soil on land already sold to third parties may spread, resulting in pollution of the air or underground water, and may incur cleaning and remediation costs.

## 15 Information Leakage

The Group retains a wide range of important management- and business-related information as well as personal information on customers. To manage this information properly, the Group has prepared policies and rules and put into place systems for maintaining its security. However, in the event that this information accidentally leaks outside the Group, this could have a major impact on the Group's business activities or lower public confidence in the Group.

## 16 Fluctuations in Foreign Currency Exchange Rates

As the Yamaha Group's business activities, including manufacturing and sales, are global in scale, the transactions of Group companies that are denominated in foreign currencies are subject to fluctuating exchange rates. The Group uses forward currency hedge transactions to minimize the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations in the short term. However, the Group may not be able to achieve its initial business plan targets due to exchange rate fluctuations. The euro-yen exchange rate has an especially strong impact on profit and loss: a ¥1 change will result in a ¥0.45 billion change in profitability.

## 17 Earthquakes and Other Natural Disasters

In the event of earthquakes and other natural disasters, the production plants of the Yamaha Group may be damaged. Notably, the Company's Head Office, domestic plants, and major subsidiaries are concentrated in Shizuoka Prefecture, located in the Tokai region of Japan, an area in which a major earthquake has been predicted for years. Moreover, the Group's overseas manufacturing plants are concentrated in China, Indonesia, and Malaysia, countries where the outbreak of unexpected natural disasters may arise. In the event of a natural disaster, the Yamaha Group's facilities may suffer damage, and the Group may be required to suspend or postpone operations, which could incur substantial restoration costs. In addition, disaster conditions at raw material and parts suppliers could affect manufacturing.

## 18 Cyber Attacks

The use of data network systems and its importance have been increasing in the Yamaha Group's business activities. In the event that the functioning of the Group's data network systems is disrupted due to computer virus infections, cyber attacks, and other threats, this could adversely affect the Group's performance and financial position.

## 19 Items Related to Changes in Financial Position

### a. Valuation of Investment Securities

The companies of the Yamaha Group hold available-for-sale securities with market value (acquisition cost: ¥15.8 billion; consolidated balance sheet value: ¥129.5 billion, as of March 31, 2017). Since available-for-sale securities with market value are valued at the market price at the settlement date based on the mark-to-market valuation method, the recorded balance sheet value of these securities may fluctuate depending on the price of the securities at the settlement date. This may, in turn, have an impact on the Company's net assets. Further, when the market value of these securities falls markedly relative to their acquisition cost, the value of said securities may be subject to impairment.

### b. Unrealized Losses on Land Valuation

As of March 31, 2017, the market value of the Group's land, revalued in accordance with the Law Concerning Revaluation of Land, was ¥7.2 billion below the book value of said land after revaluation. In the event of the sale or disposal of said land, this unrealized loss may be recognized.

### c. Retirement Benefit Obligations and Expenses

The Yamaha Group's retirement benefit obligations and expenses are calculated based on its retirement benefit system, an estimated discount rate, and an expected rate of return on pension plan assets. In some cases, the retirement benefit system may change and the estimate of said obligations and expenses may differ from the actual results. As a result, retirement benefit obligations and expenses could increase.

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# Management's Discussion and Analysis

## Fiscal 2017 Summary

- Sales decreased year on year while earnings increased for the fifth consecutive year.
- A record high was reached for net income attributable to owners of parent.
- In the musical instruments segment, sales were down due to the impact of foreign exchange rates and the transfer of music school management. However, actual sales increased and earnings rose as efforts to revise selling prices and lower manufacturing costs offset the impact of foreign exchange rates.
- While sales declined in the audio equipment segment due to the impact of foreign exchange rates, earnings rose due to the substantial growth of PA equipment and ICT devices.
- In the others segment, earnings increased due to a recovery in the electronic devices and golf businesses.

### Fiscal 2016

#### Consolidated Statement of Operations Summary

Millions of yen

Net sales	435,477
Operating income	40,663
Net income	32,633

#### Consolidated Balance Sheet Summary

Millions of yen

Total assets	¥469,745 million
Current assets	75,459
Property, plant and equipment	255,135
Investments and other assets	90,396
Current liabilities	104,280
Noncurrent liabilities	303,889
Net assets	110,329

### Fiscal 2017

#### Consolidated Statement of Operations Summary

Millions of yen

Net sales	408,248
Cost of sales	-242,451
Selling, general and administrative expenses	-121,493
Operating income	44,302
Other income	-1,404
Current income taxes	-8,728
Deferred income taxes	+12,706
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	-156
Net income attributable to owners of parent	46,719

#### Consolidated Balance Sheet Summary

Millions of yen

Total assets	¥522,362 million
Current assets	82,565
Property, plant and equipment	272,720
Investments and other assets	72,359
Current liabilities	105,475
Noncurrent liabilities	367,437
Net assets	144,166

■ Current assets  
 ■ Property, plant and equipment  
 ■ Investments and other assets  
 ■ Current liabilities  
 ■ Noncurrent liabilities  
 ■ Net assets

# Eleven-Year Summary

Yamaha Corporation and consolidated subsidiaries

Years ended March 31	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>For the year:</b>					
Net sales	¥550,361	¥548,754	¥459,284	¥414,811	¥373,866
Cost of sales	352,382	343,686	290,381	268,380	237,313
Gross profit	197,980	205,066	168,902	146,431	136,553
Selling, general and administrative expenses	170,295	172,220	155,057	139,602	123,387
Operating income	27,685	32,845	13,845	6,828	13,165
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interests	33,101	62,510	(12,159)	(201)	6,802
Net income (loss)* <sup>2</sup>	27,866	39,558	(20,615)	(4,921)	5,078
Capital expenditures	25,152	24,394	22,581	14,480	10,439
Depreciation expenses	19,956	20,289	17,912	14,139	12,814
R&D expenses	24,220	24,865	23,218	21,736	22,416
Cash flow from operating activities	39,732	37,225	(2,235)	39,870	22,646
Cash flow from investing activities	(22,427)	41,999	(25,999)	(12,711)	(9,740)
Free cash flow	17,305	79,225	(28,234)	27,159	12,906
<b>At year-end:</b>					
Total assets	¥559,031	¥540,347	¥408,974	¥402,152	¥390,852
Total current assets	231,033	275,754	202,097	193,260	194,717
Total current liabilities	136,656	120,174	90,050	75,182	74,836
Interest-bearing liabilities	25,551	21,036	19,192	15,017	11,838
Net assets* <sup>3</sup>	351,398	343,028	251,841	254,591	245,002
Yen					
<b>Per share:</b>					
Net income (loss)	¥ 135.19	¥ 191.76	¥ (103.73)	¥ (24.95)	¥ 25.90
Net assets* <sup>3</sup>	1,680.91	1,646.44	1,262.42	1,276.35	1,250.06
Dividends* <sup>4</sup>	22.50	50.00	42.50	27.50	10.00
%					
<b>Key indicators:</b>					
Operating income ratio	5.0	6.0	3.0	1.6	3.5
ROE (Return on equity)* <sup>3</sup>	8.4	11.5	(7.0)	(2.0)	2.1
ROA (Return on assets)	5.2	7.2	(4.3)	(1.2)	1.3
Equity ratio* <sup>3</sup>	62.0	62.9	60.9	62.6	61.9
Debt to equity ratio (Times)	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.05
Interest coverage (Times)	47.83	34.56	26.74	16.88	40.38
Current ratio	169.1	229.5	224.4	257.1	260.2
Dividend payout ratio	16.6	26.1	—	—	38.6

\*1 U.S. dollar amounts are translated from yen at the rate of ¥112.19 = U.S.\$1.00, the approximate rate prevailing on March 31, 2017.

\*2 From fiscal 2016 and onward, net income (loss) is presented as net income attributable to owners of parent on the consolidated financial statements.

\*3 Net assets, ROE (return on equity), and equity ratio were classified as shareholders' equity, ROE (return on shareholders' equity), and shareholders' equity ratio, respectively, until fiscal 2006.

\*4 The dividends per share from fiscal 2008 to fiscal 2010 include a ¥20 special dividend.

						%	Millions of U.S. dollars* <sup>1</sup>
2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2016/2017	2017
¥356,616	¥366,941	¥410,304	¥432,177	¥435,477	¥408,248	-6.3	\$3,638.90
231,659	238,261	262,310	270,357	262,406	242,451	-7.6	2,161.07
124,957	128,680	147,994	161,820	173,070	165,796	-4.2	1,477.81
116,846	119,465	121,999	131,684	132,407	121,493	-8.2	1,082.92
8,110	9,215	25,994	30,135	40,663	44,302	+8.9	394.88
6,971	7,795	25,818	28,526	41,578	42,898	+3.2	382.37
(29,381)	4,122	22,898	24,929	32,633	46,719	+43.2	416.43
11,337	13,844	10,799	13,846	11,220	17,542	+56.3	156.36
11,973	11,613	12,759	12,597	12,681	11,145	-12.1	99.34
22,819	22,149	22,561	25,439	24,793	24,415	-1.5	217.62
10,880	7,755	33,213	31,729	42,399	39,142	-7.7	348.89
(9,004)	(12,617)	(22,950)	(11,700)	591	(9,663)	-1735.0	(86.13)
1,875	(4,862)	10,263	20,029	42,991	29,478	-31.4	262.75
¥366,610	¥390,610	¥438,932	¥530,034	¥469,745	¥522,362	+11.2	\$4,656.05
188,952	197,902	214,487	247,632	255,135	272,720	+6.9	2,430.88
72,829	71,550	73,145	80,976	75,459	82,565	+9.4	735.94
11,295	10,013	8,755	11,868	8,510	11,241	+32.1	100.20
206,832	229,636	274,843	348,752	303,889	367,437	+20.9	3,275.13
						U.S.dollars* <sup>1</sup>	
¥ (151.73)	¥ 21.79	¥ 118.26	¥ 128.75	¥ 168.90	¥ 249.17		\$ 2.22
1,052.01	1,171.67	1,403.12	1,787.42	1,601.55	1,948.01		17.36
10.00	10.00	27.00	36.00	44.00	52.00		0.46
2.3	2.5	6.3	7.0	9.3	10.9		
(13.2)	1.9	9.2	8.1	10.1	14.0		
(7.8)	1.1	5.5	5.1	6.5	9.4		
55.6	58.1	61.9	65.3	64.2	69.9		
0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03		
31.84	40.64	130.19	130.51	129.04	165.40		
259.4	276.6	293.2	305.8	338.1	330.3		
—	47.0	22.8	28.0	26.1	20.9		

# Overview

## Economic Environment

During fiscal 2017, the year ended March 31, 2017, the global economy overall was solid as there was a trend toward gradual recovery. In the U.S., a major market among developed countries, the actual GDP growth rate was firm, despite heightened expectations for an increase in protectionist political policies following the presidential election. In European markets, there was a strong sense of uncertainty for the future of the EU economy due to such factors as the U.K. decision to withdraw from the EU and rising concerns over the national elections of each member nation. Nevertheless, the EU continued to see gradual economic growth. China maintained high economic growth despite lingering fears of a continued economic slowdown. In emerging countries, while conditions varied from country to country, there was a strong sense of worsening economic conditions overall. In Japan, the employment and income environment continued to improve and consumer spending gradually recovered.

## Performance Review

With regard to sales in fiscal 2017, in the musical instruments segment, sales declined ¥19,705 million, or 7.1%, year on year, to ¥257,664 million. This decline was attributable to the negative impact of foreign exchange rates, which amounted to ¥22,200 million, and the negative effect of the transfer of music school management, which amounted to ¥4,200 million. Excluding these impacts, sales actually increased ¥6,700 million.

Excluding the impact of foreign exchange rates, sales of pianos surpassed those of the previous fiscal year. Sales of upright pianos were firm in China, with strong sales for grand pianos in Europe. Piano sales were solid in the North American market as well. For digital musical instruments, sales were steady overall on an actual basis due to increased sales of portable keyboards and the strong performance of new synthesizers. Sales of wind instruments exceeded those of the previous fiscal year as sales in every market besides Japan were solid. Excluding the impact of foreign exchange rates, sales of string and percussion instruments increased on an actual basis due to the high growth rate of guitar sales in China. By market, double-digit sales growth on an actual basis was recorded in China, with robust sales in North America and Europe.

In the audio equipment segment, sales declined ¥5,396 million,

or 4.5%, to ¥115,484 million. This decline was due to the negative impact of foreign exchange rates, which amounted to ¥10,600 million. Excluding this impact, sales actually increased ¥5,200 million.

In this segment, network audio products were gradually introduced in markets around the world, and sales of AV receivers and other items were particularly strong in North America and China. For professional audio equipment, sales in the markets of developed countries were favorable, with positive sales results beginning to emerge in North America, where sales had been poor due to a delay in establishing a sales structure. The strong performance in these markets helped drive growth in sales overall. For information and communications technology (ICT) devices, double-digit sales growth was recorded on an actual basis.

Sales in the others segment were down ¥2,126 million, or 5.7%, to ¥35,099 million.

For electronic devices, sales were down due to a slight decrease in sales of amusement equipment and significant decline in sales of audio devices. While sales of FA equipment increased, sales of automobile interior wood components decreased. In the resort business, sales fell due to a facility terminating general operations in the third quarter. Sales of golf products decreased as the positive performance of new products in Japan was offset by a lackluster performance of products in overseas markets.

Turning to profit and loss, the musical instruments segment saw an increase in profits as the decline in sales due to the impact of foreign exchange rates was compensated by the positive effects from continuous reductions in manufacturing costs, sales increases in highly profitable products, primarily digital musical instruments, and efforts to revise selling prices and control SG&A expenses. Profits were up overall in the audio equipment segment as well, owing to significant profit contributions from PA equipment and ICT devices. In the others segment, profits rose significantly due to such factors as the improvement in the product model mix for electronic devices and cost reductions, in addition to the positive performance of new golf products in Japan.

As a result of the abovementioned factors, net sales in fiscal 2017 decreased 6.3%, to ¥408,248 million, and operating income was up 8.9%, to ¥44,302 million. Ordinary income rose 9.8%, to ¥44,926 million, and net income attributable to owners of parent increased 43.2%, to ¥46,719 million.

## Analysis of Management Performance



### Net Sales

Net sales in fiscal 2017 declined ¥27,229 million, or 6.3%, to ¥408,248 million. While sales increased on an actual basis in both the musical instruments and audio equipment segments, this increase could not offset the significant impact of foreign exchange rates, which amounted to ¥33,400 million, and the transfer of management of the music school business to the Yamaha Music Foundation, which amounted to ¥4,200 million.

Sales were also down in the others segment due to sales decreases in the electronics device business and impact of terminating operations at a facility in the resort business.

### Sales by Region

In Japan, sales fell ¥6,629 million, or 4.6%, to ¥138,404 million. This fall was attributable primarily to the impact of the transfer of music school management to the Yamaha Music Foundation.

In the musical instruments business, although piano sales were on a par with those of the previous fiscal year, sales were down for digital musical instruments, wind instruments, and string and percussion instruments. Additionally, non-product-related sales decreased due not only to the impact of the transfer of music school

management but also to the dwindling number of students at these schools. As a result, overall sales fell in the musical instruments business.

In the audio equipment business, network audio products recorded a strong performance. And, in terms of PA equipment, sales of commercial audio equipment were solid and installation sales of commercial audio equipment rose. Accordingly, sales climbed in the audio equipment business.

As for other businesses, sales of audio and graphics LSI for amusement equipment in the electronic devices business were sluggish. In addition, sales of audio devices fell significantly, resulting in an overall decline in sales. Furthermore, while sales edged up for FA equipment and thermoelectric devices, sales of automobile interior wood components declined, resulting in an overall decrease in sales in the industrial machinery and components business. Despite increased sales for golf products owing to the high evaluation of new products, sales declined in the resort business as operations at a facility were terminated. Due to these factors, overall sales for other businesses decreased.

Turning to outside Japan, sales were down ¥20,599 million, or 7.1%, to ¥269,843 million. However, this decline was primarily attributable to the negative impact of foreign exchange rates, amounting to ¥32,800 million. Excluding this impact, sales actually rose ¥12,200 million. On an actual basis that excludes the impact of foreign exchange rates, while sales failed to reach the previous year's levels in other markets, healthy sales were recorded in China, North America, and Europe. The ratio of overseas sales nudged down 0.6 of a percentage point, from 66.7% to 66.1%.

By region, sales in North America decreased ¥5,202 million, or 5.9%, to ¥83,032 million. However, this decrease was due mainly to the negative impact of foreign exchange rates, totaling ¥9,700 million. Excluding this impact, sales actually climbed ¥4,500 million. In regard to sales on an actual basis that excludes the impact of foreign exchange rates, sales of numerous products in the musical instruments business exceeded those of the previous fiscal year. In the audio equipment business, there were signs of a recovery trend as sales of Yamaha products by mass merchandisers increased. For PA equipment, commercial audio equipment

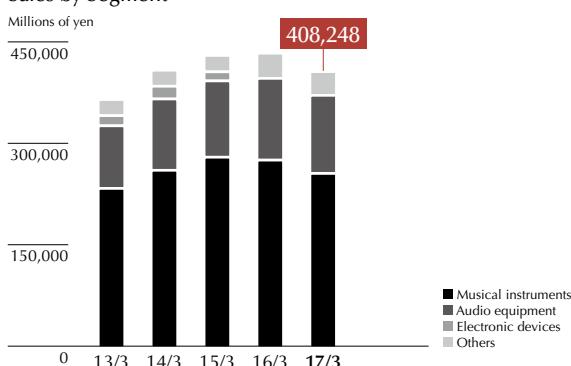
helped drive high levels of growth following the progress made in establishing a sales structure. As a result, overall sales in North America were up on an actual basis.

In Europe, sales fell ¥5,741 million, or 7.0%, to ¥76,463 million. However, unfavorable foreign exchange rates placed downward pressure on sales to the extent of ¥9,200 million. Excluding this impact, sales actually rose ¥3,500 million. As for sales on an actual basis that excludes the impact of foreign exchange rates, sales increased in the musical instrument business thanks to the climbing sales of grand pianos and other factors. For digital musical instruments, firm sales of digital pianos helped offset the struggling sales of portable keyboards. Wind instruments and percussion instruments enjoyed healthy sales. For audio equipment, although sales of AV products remained at the same level as the previous fiscal year, sales of professional audio equipment—in addition to sales of PA equipment through musical instrument sales routes—were favorable. As a result, overall sales in Europe rose on an actual basis.

Sales in China and Asia, Oceania, and other regions were down ¥9,655 million, or 8.0%, to ¥110,347 million. However, the Company absorbed the negative impact of foreign exchange rates totaling ¥13,900 million. Excluding this impact, sales actually rose ¥4,200 million. In terms of sales on an actual basis that excludes the impact of foreign exchange rates, the musical instruments business in China continued to see a high growth rate in the sales of pianos, which post the largest sales volumes compared to any other musical instrument. In addition, sales of digital musical instruments were solid, with robust sales of string and percussion instruments centered on guitars. Sales in the audio equipment business were on a par with those of the previous fiscal year, despite relatively low sales volumes.

While circumstances differ between country and region, sales in the musical instruments business in other Asian countries, as well as in Oceania and other regions, remained at the same level as the previous fiscal year. However, due to a sales decline in the audio equipment business, overall sales in these markets edged down slightly on an actual basis.

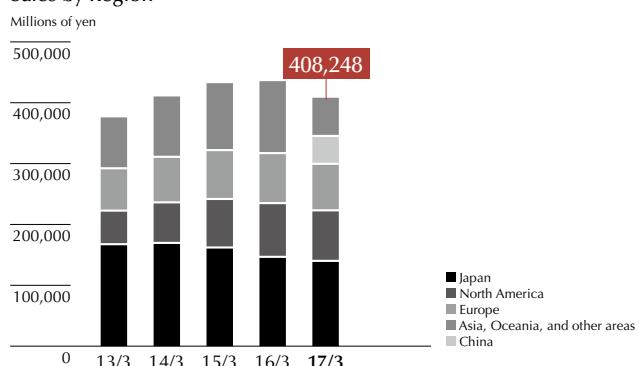
#### Sales by Segment



Notes:

- Figures for fiscal 2013 have been adjusted to reflect segment composition changes effective from fiscal 2014.
- As of fiscal 2017, the soundproofing business has been transferred from the musical instruments segment to the audio equipment segment, and the electronic devices segment has been transferred to the others segment. Accordingly, starting from fiscal 2016, figures for the soundproofing business and the electronic devices segment are listed under new segment subdivisions.

#### Sales by Region



Note:

As of fiscal 2017, net sales in China are listed independently. For fiscal 2016 and previous fiscal years, net sales in China were included under Asia, Oceania, and other areas.

## Analysis of Management Performance

### Cost of Sales and Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Cost of sales decreased ¥19,955 million, or 7.6%, to ¥242,451 million. The cost of sales ratio improved 0.9 of a percentage point, to 59.4%.

Gross profit fell ¥7,273 million, or 4.2%, to ¥165,796 million. The gross profit ratio improved 0.9 of a percentage point, to 40.6%.

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses declined ¥10,913 million, or 8.2%, to ¥121,493 million. The ratio of SG&A expenses to net sales improved 0.6 of a percentage point, to 29.8%.

#### Major Items Included in Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

	Millions of yen	%	
	2016	2017	Change
Sales commissions	¥ 1,396	¥ 1,157	-17.1
Transport expenses	13,407	11,841	-11.7
Advertising expenses and sales promotion expenses	19,183	17,558	-8.5
Allowance for doubtful accounts	69	149	+115.9
Provision for product warranties	974	(38)	+103.9
Retirement benefit expenses	2,921	3,752	+28.4
Salaries and benefits	54,806	52,238	-4.7
Rent	4,017	3,470	-6.9
Depreciation and amortization	2,440	2,299	-5.8

Note: Figure shown in parentheses is a profit item.



Operating income in fiscal 2017 climbed ¥3,639 million, or 8.9%, to ¥44,302 million.

By segment, operating income in the musical instruments segment rose ¥451 million, or 1.4%, from ¥31,687 million to ¥32,138 million, reflecting the fact that lower costs, revision of selling prices, and reduced expenses offset a decline in sales in musical instrument businesses. In the audio equipment segment, operating income increased ¥1,910 million, or 22.4%, from ¥8,536 million to ¥10,447 million. This increase was attributable to the positive effects from the introduction of new AV products,

increased sales of commercial audio equipment, lower costs, reduced expenses, and other factors. In the others segment, operating income soared ¥1,277 million, or 290.8%, from ¥439 million to ¥1,716 million.

The primary reasons behind the increase in year-on-year earnings were such factors as lower costs (¥4,900 million), increased sales on an actual basis (¥4,500 million), reduced SG&A expenses (¥3,800 million), and revision of selling prices (¥3,500 million). These positive factors outweighed such negative factors as the adverse impact of foreign exchange rates (¥11,100 million) and an increase in manufacturing costs due to rising labor costs at overseas production bases (¥2,000 million).

### Non-Operating Income and Expenses

Non-operating income in fiscal 2017 fell ¥151 million, or 3.1%, from ¥4,876 million to ¥4,725 million, due to the absence of a tariff refund at a U.S.-based sales subsidiary that was recorded in the previous fiscal year. Of this amount, dividend income was up ¥730 million, or 30.7%, from ¥2,377 million to ¥3,108 million, reflecting a higher dividend from Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.

Non-operating expenses were down ¥530 million, or 11.5%, from ¥4,632 million to ¥4,101 million. Of this amount, sales discounts decreased ¥293 million, or 10.1%, from ¥2,909 million to ¥2,616 million. Foreign exchange loss decreased ¥380 million, or 63.6%, from ¥598 million to ¥218 million.

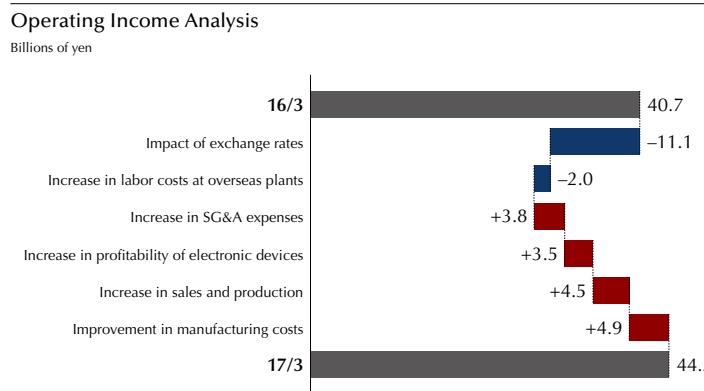
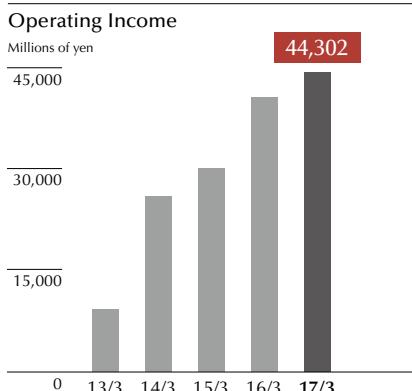
### Extraordinary Income and Loss

Extraordinary income in fiscal 2017 declined ¥4,641 million, from ¥8,979 million to ¥4,337 million, reflecting the sale of old stores, residential facilities, and idle land.

Extraordinary loss was down ¥1,943 million, from ¥8,309 million to ¥6,366 million. Of this amount, restructuring costs totaling ¥3,032 million were recorded due to the reorganization of the resort business and other factors. In addition, the Company also posted ¥1,499 million in amortization of goodwill. This represents the immediate amortization of goodwill following the processing of an impairment loss at a consolidated subsidiary. Specifically, this goodwill is related to Revolabs, Inc., a U.S. subsidiary of the Company, and its subsidiaries.

### Income before Income Taxes

In fiscal 2017, income before income taxes rose ¥1,320 million,



or 3.2%, from ¥41,578 million to ¥42,898 million. The ratio of income before income taxes to net sales improved 1.0 percentage point, from 9.5% to 10.5%.

#### Current Income Taxes and Deferred Income Taxes

Current income taxes in fiscal 2017 fell ¥813 million, or 8.5%, from ¥9,541 million to ¥8,728 million.

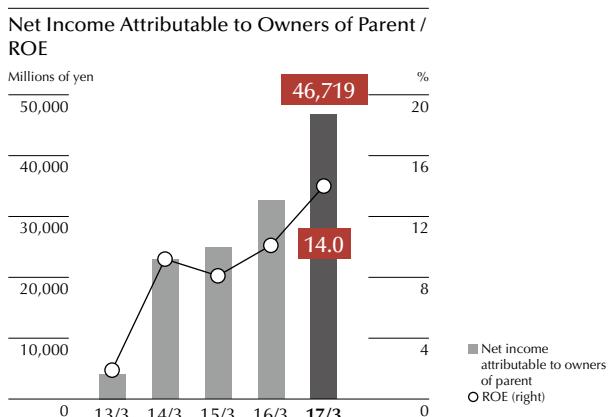
Deferred income taxes were up ¥12,049 million, from ¥656 million to ¥12,706 million. This increase was due to the recording of an additional deferred tax asset resulting from revisions to the recoverability of deferred tax assets.

#### Net Income Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests

In fiscal 2017, net income attributable to non-controlling interests soared ¥97 million, or 164.2%, from ¥59 million to ¥156 million.



As a result of the aforementioned factors, net income attributable to owners of parent was up ¥14,085 million, from ¥32,633 million to ¥46,719 million. Net income per share was ¥249.17, compared with ¥168.90 in the previous fiscal year.



Note:  
Net income attributable to owners of parent was presented as net income on the consolidated financial statements in fiscal 2013, 2014, and 2015.

**Fluctuations in Foreign Currency Exchange Rates and Risk Hedging**  
Yamaha conducts business on a global scale with a focus on musical instruments. As such, the Company's business structure is vulnerable to the effects of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. The Company's consolidated financial statements are influenced by foreign currency exchange rate effects stemming from risks associated with currency exchange rates and transactions denominated in those currencies, including the U.S. dollar, the euro, and the Chinese yuan. Of these risks, currency exchange rate risks are incurred when overseas consolidated subsidiaries translate their financial statements for a specified period or on a specified date into Japanese yen. Transaction-related risks are incurred when earnings and expenses and/or assets and liabilities are denominated in different currencies. For this reason, transaction-related risks are subject to risk hedges.

Specifically, U.S. dollar-related currency fluctuation risks are hedged by marrying risk associated with dollar receipts from export sales with risk associated with dollar payments for imported products. The Company hedges the value of risks associated with the euro by projecting related export revenues and purchasing relevant three-month currency forward contracts.

Sales at overseas consolidated subsidiaries are calculated using the average exchange rates recorded during the year. On this basis, in fiscal 2017 the yen appreciated ¥12 against the U.S. dollar, for an average exchange rate of ¥108 to US\$1. The year-on-year effect of this change was a decrease of approximately ¥10,800 million in sales. Furthermore, the yen appreciated ¥14 against the euro, for an average exchange rate of ¥119 to €1, resulting in a decrease of roughly ¥9,200 million in sales. Overall, the net effect on sales of foreign exchange rate movements—including the downward effect of approximately ¥13,400 million in fluctuations of the yen against currencies other than the Chinese yuan, the British pound, the U.S. dollar, and the euro—was a decrease of approximately ¥33,400 million.

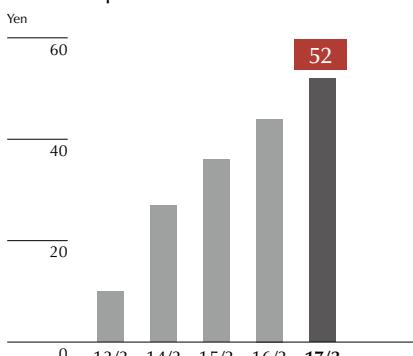
In terms of operating income, for the U.S. dollar, benefits from the aforementioned marriage of risks related to the currency enabled the Company to largely hedge the effects of currency exchange rates stemming from fluctuations in settlement rates. However, the U.S. dollar translation of operating income figures of overseas consolidated subsidiaries to Japanese yen caused income to decrease roughly ¥1,100 million. The average settlement rate against the euro was ¥121 to €1, an appreciation of ¥14, resulting in a decrease of approximately ¥6,100 million in operating income. The net effect on operating income of exchange rate movements, including other currencies, was a decrease of roughly ¥11,100 million compared with the previous fiscal year.

#### Dividends per Share



In fiscal 2017, a regular dividend of ¥52 per share (a 20.9% payout ratio) was paid, an increase of ¥8 year on year, owing primarily to income increases.

#### Dividends per Share



## Review of Operations

### Musical Instruments



#### Fiscal 2017 Performance Overview

Sales in fiscal 2017 were down ¥19,705 million, or 7.1%, to ¥257,664 million. Operating income edged up ¥451 million, or 1.4%, from ¥31,687 million to ¥32,138 million.

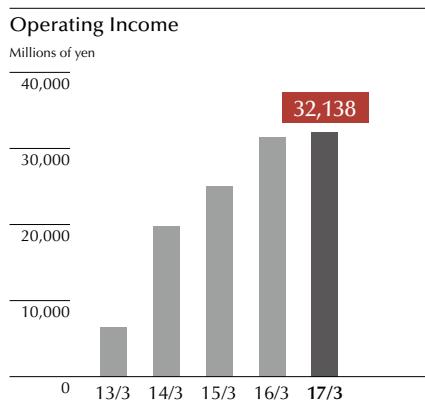
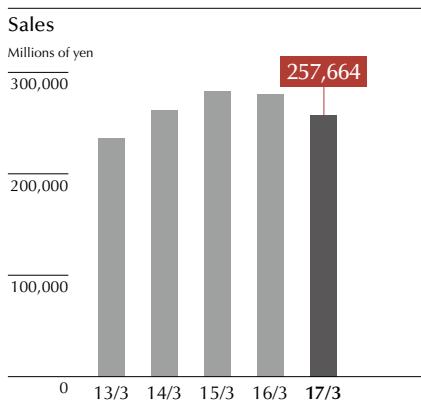
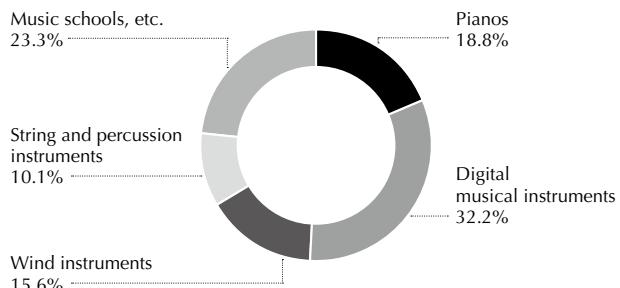
#### Review by Major Products

Sales of pianos in China continued to be favorable as sales from piano bids helped offset the stagnant growth rate of personal consumption. Excluding the impact of foreign exchange rates, sales were solid in Europe on an actual basis. Piano sales in Japan were on a par with those of the previous fiscal year, with healthy sales in the U.S. market as well. As a result, overall piano sales increased year on year.

For digital musical instruments, sales of portable keyboards failed to reach the previous fiscal year's level on an actual basis that excludes the impact of foreign exchange rates. This result reflects the shift in demand to digital pianos. Meanwhile, sales of mainstay digital pianos increased, and sales of synthesizers were also solid. As a result, overall sales for digital musical instruments were favorable. North America, Europe, and other markets helped drive sales of wind instruments, resulting in a year-on-year increase, despite a sales decrease in Japan. Sales of string and percussion instruments were strong overall, owing in part to a 140%

growth rate for guitar sales in China. Revenue from Yamaha's music and English language schools decreased in the first quarter of the year under review as management of the music schools was transferred to the Yamaha Music Foundation from the second quarter of the previous fiscal year. Also, sales of school course materials, in addition to sales of the content business, were roughly the same as they were in the previous fiscal year.

Sales by Product Category  
%



#### Notes:

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- As of fiscal 2017, the soundproofing business has been transferred from the musical instruments segment to the audio equipment segment. Accordingly, figures for the soundproofing business in fiscal 2016 have been reclassified into the audio equipment segment.

## Review by Region

### Percentage of Sales by Region

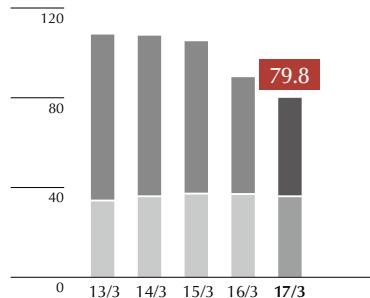
### Market Trends and Fiscal 2017 Performance

### Sales by Region

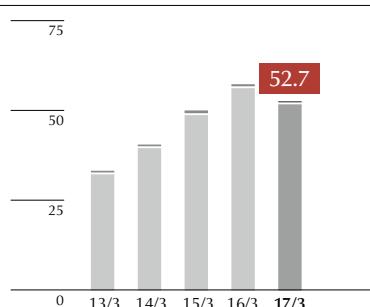
Billions of yen



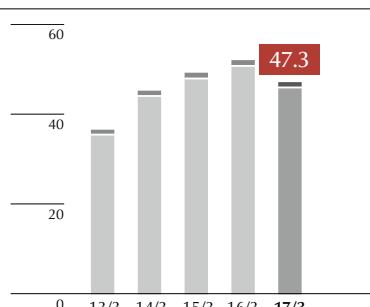
- Overall demand for musical instruments in Japan has been declining steadily. An example of this trend is the drastic contraction of the market for acoustic pianos over the past three decades. The high piano ownership rate and the low birthrate are both responsible for this trend.
- Signs of gradual economic recovery were seen. However, while piano and string and percussion sales were on a par with the previous fiscal year, sales of digital musical instruments decreased as a result of declining sales of mainstay digital pianos, and wind instrument sales fell due to lackluster product sales.



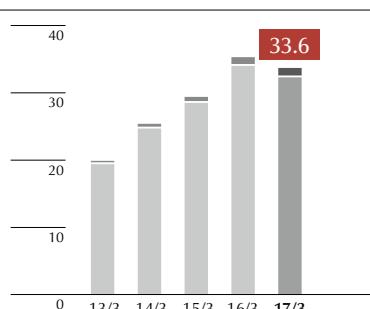
- The U.S. musical instruments market, showing no bias toward any particular instrument category, is clearly oriented toward hobbies and entertainment, where a wide range of musical instruments are used. Favorable market conditions continued amid higher consumer spending.
- By product category, nearly all product groups recorded year-on-year sales growth on an actual basis that excludes the impact of foreign exchange rates.



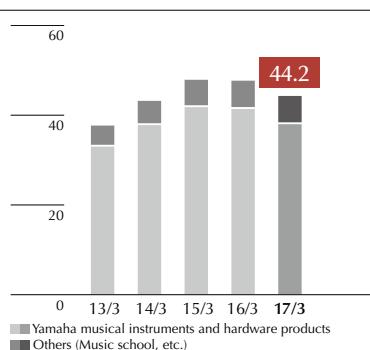
- In Europe, musical tastes and musical instrument use vary by country. While there was rising uncertainty about the future of the EU's economic structure due to such factors as the U.K.'s decision to withdraw from the EU, gradual economic recovery was seen.
- By country and region, in addition to the strong economic performance in Germany—a core European market—economic recovery continued in southern European countries. By product, not only were sales of pianos strong, digital pianos, wind instruments, and string and percussion instruments, primarily guitars, enjoyed robust sales, resulting in favorable sales overall.



- China's musical market is distinctive, with acoustic pianos accounting for more than half of the market. However, with sales of digital musical instruments, wind instruments, and guitars showing high growth rates, the demand structure of the market is gradually becoming similar to that of developed countries.
- Despite the worsening economic slowdown, sales of the Company's musical instruments were solid. The percentage of participation in and acquisition of bids for pianos were up, underpinned by a strong demand for pianos in musical education for children. Digital pianos and guitars posted double-digit sales growth, resulting in double-digit growth in overall sales on an actual basis.



- Influenced by various factors, such as the status of international politics, U.S. economic policies, the economic state of China, falling resource prices, and the depreciation of local currencies, conditions in the markets of other regions vary by country. With that being said, signs of an overall recovery were seen in the musical instruments market.
- By product, on an actual basis that excludes the impact of foreign exchange rates, sales of digital musical instruments were strong, reflecting increased sales of digital pianos, while sales of wind instruments were also favorable. However, more time is necessary for a genuine performance recovery.



# Audio Equipment

Sales	¥115,484 million	-4.5%
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Operating Income	¥10,447 million	-22.4%
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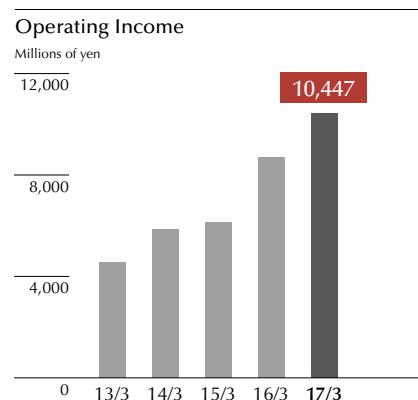
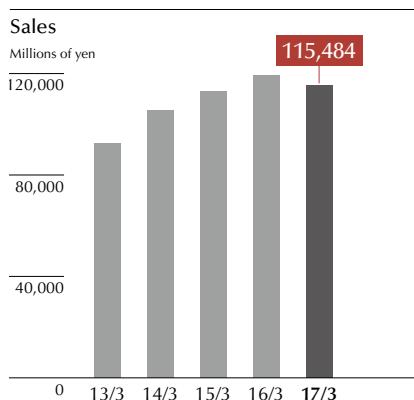
## Fiscal 2017 Performance Overview

Sales in fiscal 2017 decreased ¥5,396 million, or 4.5%, to ¥115,484 million.

For AV products, the Company actively pursued the launch of new network audio products, among other initiatives, resulting in an increase in sales on an actual basis. For PA equipment, sales grew significantly, primarily in Japan, Europe, and other developed countries, due in part to the high sales growth of commercial

audio equipment in North America, where the Company had delays in establishing a sales structure. Sales of analog mixers, amps, speakers, and other products that use the sales routes of musical instruments were solid. Moreover, solid sales were recorded for routers, which are primarily sold in the Japanese market.

Operating income climbed ¥1,910 million, or 22.4%, from ¥8,536 million to ¥10,447 million.



### Notes:

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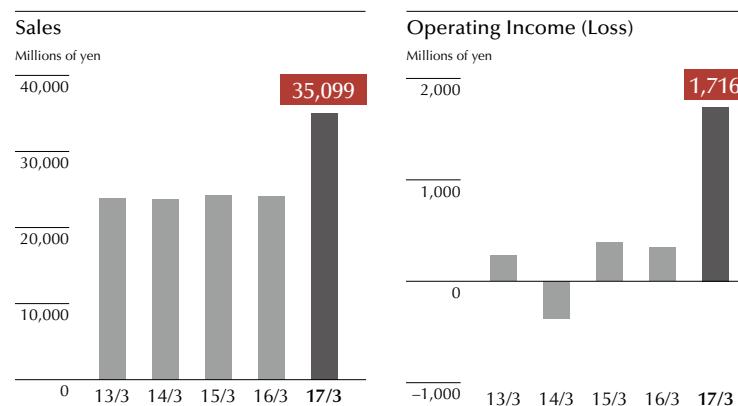
# Others



Sales in fiscal 2017 declined ¥2,126 million, or 5.7%, to ¥35,099 million.

For electronic devices, while sales of electronic devices used in automobiles and geomagnetic sensors rose, sales of LSI for amusement equipment, a mainstay product, and audio devices such as audio codecs fell, resulting in a year-on-year decrease in sales. Sales of automobile interior wood components were down, while sales of FA equipment and thermoelectric devices were up, resulting in an overall sales increase in the industrial machinery and components business.

Operating income soared ¥1,277 million, or 290.8%, from ¥439 million to ¥1,716 million. The primary factors behind this increase were improvements in the product model mix for electronic devices, reduced costs, and the strong performance of golf products in the domestic market.



Key Business Indicators	Millions of yen						Millions of U.S. dollars
	2013/3	2014/3	2015/3	2016/3	2017/3	2017/3	
<b>Sales</b>							
Musical Instruments	¥235,507	¥262,310	¥281,667	¥277,370	¥257,664	\$2,296.68	
Audio Equipment	92,571	105,485	112,839	120,881	115,484	1,029.36	
Electronic Devices	15,038	18,828	13,435	—	—	—	
Others	23,823	23,679	24,235	37,225	35,099	312.85	
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>							
Musical Instruments	¥ 6,451	¥ 19,728	¥ 25,064	¥ 31,687	¥ 32,138	\$ 286.46	
Audio Equipment	4,553	5,866	6,133	8,536	10,447	93.12	
Electronic Devices	(2,044)	770	(1,446)	—	—	—	
Others	254	(370)	384	439	1,716	15.30	
<b>Capital expenditures</b>							
Musical Instruments	¥ 8,928	¥ 6,621	¥ 9,534	¥ 6,700	¥ 11,172	\$ 99.58	
Audio Equipment	2,467	2,788	2,840	3,102	4,002	35.67	
Electronic Devices	1,381	216	639	—	—	—	
Others	1,068	1,172	832	1,418	2,368	21.11	
<b>Depreciation expenses</b>							
Musical Instruments	¥ 8,597	¥ 8,519	¥ 8,238	¥ 8,390	¥ 7,245	\$ 64.58	
Audio Equipment	1,592	2,647	2,857	3,075	2,920	26.03	
Electronic Devices	669	761	706	—	—	—	
Others	754	830	795	1,215	978	8.72	
<b>R&amp;D expenses</b>							
Musical Instruments	¥ 8,088	¥ 8,078	¥ 9,580	¥ 9,291	¥ 8,728	\$ 77.80	
Audio Equipment	9,219	10,011	11,025	11,461	11,447	102.03	
Electronic Devices	3,374	3,094	3,429	—	—	—	
Others	1,466	1,376	1,403	4,041	4,240	37.79	

Notes:

1. U.S. dollar amounts are translated from yen at the rate of ¥112.19 = U.S.\$1.00, the approximate rate prevailing on March 31, 2017.

For more-detailed information, please refer to Financial Data 2017.

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# Analysis of Financial Position

## Financing Policy

The Yamaha Group obtains working capital to fund its business activities and finances its business expansion primarily from cash on hand, operating cash flows, and bank loans.

Yamaha's basic financing policy is to procure stable, low-cost funding while preserving an appropriate amount of liquidity.

In fiscal 2017, the Company maintained a sufficient level of liquidity on hand, with cash and deposits totaling ¥105,859 million.

Group finance is carried out to promote efficient fund utilization for the entire Group.

Furthermore, the Company commissions long-term preferred debt rating assessments from credit rating agencies each year to facilitate smooth fund procurement in capital markets. The latest published ratings are shown below.

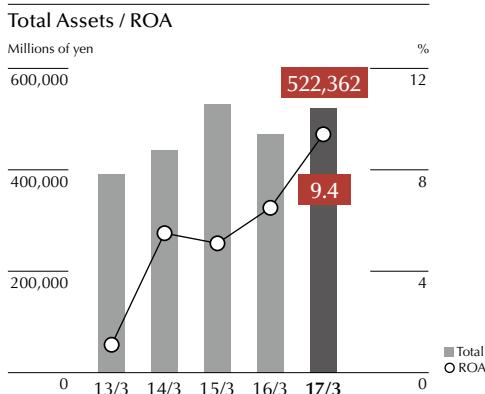
## Credit Ratings

Rating agency	Long-term preferred debt rating
Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (R&I)	A (stable)
Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR)	A+ (stable)

As of March 31, 2017



Total assets as of March 31, 2017, amounted to ¥522,362 million, an increase of ¥52,617 million, or 11.2%, from the previous year-end figure of ¥469,745 million. Of this amount, total current assets came to ¥272,720 million, a rise of ¥17,585 million, or 6.9%, from ¥255,135 million at the end of the previous fiscal year. Additionally, fixed assets totaled ¥249,641 million, up ¥35,031 million, or 16.3%, from the previous year-end figure of ¥214,610 million.



## Total Current Assets

Total current assets totaled ¥272,720 million, up ¥17,585 million, or 6.9%. This increase was attributable mainly to an increase in cash and deposits, notes and accounts receivable—trade, and inventories.

Specifically, cash and deposits climbed ¥17,693 million, or 20.1%, to ¥105,859 million. Notes and accounts receivable—trade rose ¥1,969 million, or 4.0%, to ¥50,995 million. Inventories nudged up ¥1,261 million, or 1.4%, to ¥93,127 million. Deferred tax assets declined ¥223 million, or 2.5%, to ¥8,579 million. Other current assets fell ¥3,123 million, or 16.9%, to ¥15,397 million, reflecting a decrease in payments made to trust account for purchase of treasury stock. The ratio of total current assets to total current liabilities at the fiscal year-end was 330.3%, compared with 338.1% from a year earlier, indicating that the Company continued to sustain a high level of liquidity during fiscal 2017.

## Total Property, Plant and Equipment

Total fixed assets amounted to ¥249,641 million, up ¥35,031 million, or 16.3%, from ¥214,610 million at the previous fiscal year-end, due primarily to a rise in investment securities. Total property, plant and equipment as of March 31, 2017, stood at ¥105,475 million, an increase of ¥1,195 million, or 1.1%. Construction in progress was ¥7,287 million, soaring ¥5,742 million, or 371.7%, owing to the construction of a R&D building on the grounds of the Company's headquarters. Intangible assets fell ¥2,364 million, or 42.5%, to ¥3,195 million. Of this amount, goodwill plummeted ¥2,395 million, or 97.5%, to ¥60 million, as a result of the immediate amortization of goodwill related to the U.S.-based subsidiary Revolabs, Inc.

## Total Investments and Other Assets

Investment securities as of March 31, 2017, amounted to ¥132,771 million, a year-on-year increase of ¥35,860 million, or 37.0%, owing primarily to a rise in the market value of securities held by the Company.



Total liabilities as of March 31, 2017, stood at ¥154,924 million, down ¥10,931 million, or 6.6%, from the previous year-end figure of ¥165,856 million.

### Total Current Liabilities

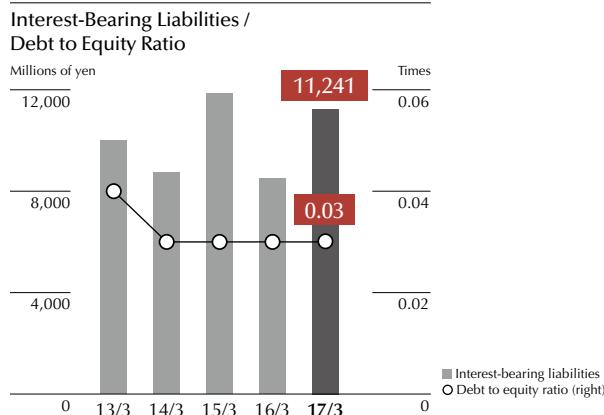
Total current liabilities came to ¥82,565 million, an increase of ¥7,105 million, or 9.4%. While short-term loans payable and accounts payable—other and accrued expenses rose, notes and accounts payable—trade as well as provision for product warranties declined. Specifically, short-term loans payable climbed ¥2,761 million, or 32.8%, to ¥11,170 million. Accounts payable—other and accrued expenses rose ¥6,738 million, or 18.1%, to ¥43,961 million. Meanwhile, notes and accounts payable—trade declined ¥1,524 million, or 7.9%, to ¥17,828 million, while provision for product warranties fell ¥839 million, or 33.2%, to ¥1,687 million.

### Total Noncurrent Liabilities

Total noncurrent liabilities as of March 31, 2017, totaled ¥72,359 million, a fall of ¥18,037 million, or 20.0%. Deferred tax liabilities, net defined benefit liabilities, and long-term deposits received all decreased. Specifically, deferred tax liabilities were down ¥2,588 million, or 10.5%, to ¥22,161 million. Net defined benefit liabilities fell ¥14,985 million, or 39.4%, to ¥23,039 million, following pension plan revisions. Furthermore, long-term deposits received decreased ¥5,939 million, or 39.5%, to ¥9,102 million.

### Net Interest-Bearing Liabilities

As of March 31, 2017, short- and long-term loans payable, which constitute interest-bearing liabilities, amounted to ¥11,241 million. Cash and deposits were ¥105,859 million, resulting in net cash and deposits, less short- and longer-term loans payable, of ¥94,617 million, a rise of ¥14,962 million compared with ¥79,655 million at the previous fiscal year-end.



### Total Net Assets

¥367,437 million

+20.9%

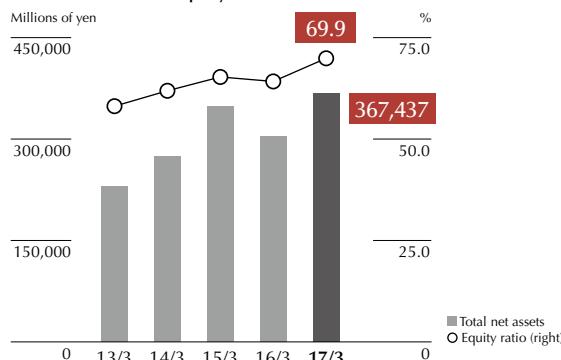
Total net assets as of March 31, 2017, came to ¥367,437 million, up ¥63,548 million, or 20.9%, from the previous fiscal year-end figure of ¥303,889 million. While there was an acquisition of treasury stock and a loss due to foreign currency translation adjustments, retained earnings increased due to a rise in net income attributable to owners of parent. Additionally, the valuation difference on available-for-sale securities increased, and remeasurements of defined benefit plans improved, resulting in the increase in total net assets.

Specifically, treasury stock rose ¥2,785 million following a decision made at the Board of Directors' meeting held on February 4, 2016, to acquire treasury stock. The negative balance of foreign currency translation adjustments expanded ¥4,706 million.

Retained earnings were up ¥37,598 million, or 17.6%, to ¥250,649 million, reflecting net income attributable to owners of parent of ¥46,719 million and dividend payments of ¥9,768 million. Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities rose ¥25,244 million, or 45.9%, to ¥80,282 million, due to an increase in the market value of securities held by the Company. The negative balance of remeasurements of defined benefit plans shrunk ¥8,675 million, to ¥2,645 million, owing to revised pension plans. Non-controlling interests edged down ¥30 million, or 1.3%, to ¥2,314 million.

As a result of the above, the equity ratio climbed 5.7 points, from 64.2% to 69.9%, and return on equity (ROE) rose 3.9 points, from 10.1% to 14.0%. The impact of recording an additional deferred tax asset has been included in ROE for the consolidated fiscal year under review.

### Total Net Assets / Equity Ratio



## Analysis of Financial Position

### Cash Flows

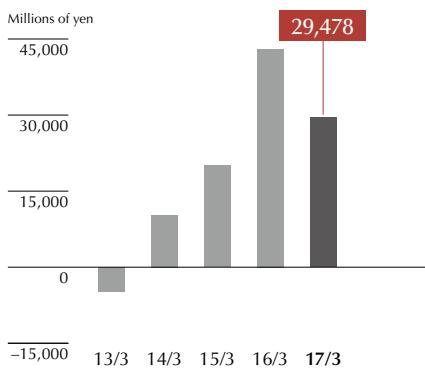
Net cash provided by operating activities in fiscal 2017 was ¥39,142 million, compared with net cash of ¥42,399 million provided in the previous fiscal year. This represented a ¥3,257 million decrease in cash provided.

Net cash used in investing activities was ¥9,663 million, in contrast to ¥591 million provided in the previous fiscal year. In addition to ¥13,276 million used to purchase property, plant and equipment, this result reflects a decline in proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment.

Net cash used in financing activities was ¥12,588 million, compared with ¥30,349 million used in the previous fiscal year, representing a ¥17,760 million decrease in cash used year on year. This decrease was attributable to a significant reduction of expenditures to purchase treasury stock, which offset an increase in expenditures due to repayments for deposits received from membership.

As a result of the aforementioned factors, the fiscal 2017 year-end balance of cash and cash equivalents rose ¥15,651 million, to ¥100,669 million.

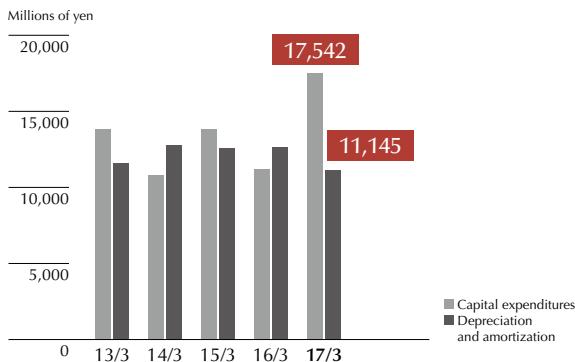
### Free Cash Flow



### Capital Expenditures / Depreciation and Amortization

Capital expenditures for the Yamaha Group in the consolidated fiscal year under review amounted to ¥17,542 million, up ¥6,321 million, or 56.3%, from ¥11,220 million in the previous fiscal year. Capital expenditures in the musical instruments segment

### Capital Expenditures / Depreciation and Amortization



stood at ¥11,172 million, an increase of ¥4,472 million, or 66.7%, from ¥6,700 million. In the audio equipment segment, capital expenditures were up ¥900 million, or 29.0%, from ¥3,102 million to ¥4,002 million. Capital expenditures in the others segment rose ¥949 million, or 66.9%, from ¥1,419 million to ¥2,368 million.

Depreciation and amortization came to ¥11,145 million, down ¥1,536 million, or 12.1%, from ¥12,681 million in fiscal 2016.

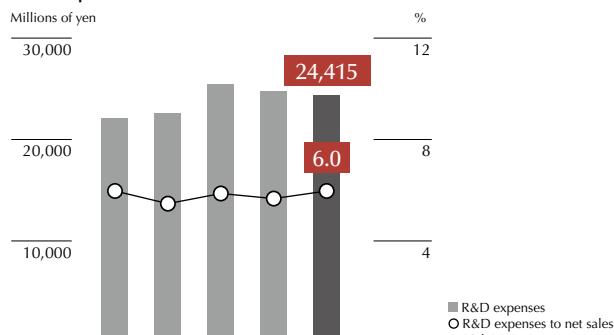
### R&D Expenses

R&D expenses in fiscal 2017 edged down ¥378 million, or 1.5%, from ¥24,793 million to ¥24,415 million. The ratio of R&D expenses to net sales rose 0.3 of a percentage point, from 5.7% to 6.0%.

Most of the Company's R&D spending was directed at product development, primarily in digital musical instruments, professional audio equipment, communications equipment, and semiconductor businesses. Specifically, the spending supported elemental technology research and product development for hybrid products that meld acoustic and digital technologies, development efforts to raise the competitiveness of digital musical instruments, and the development of new commercial audio equipment to respond to the expansion of digital networks. Spending also supported product development aimed at expanding the category of AV products and new product development, including online karaoke equipment and routers. In the semiconductor business, spending was used to develop semiconductors used in automobiles and modules that combine various components, as well as to advance the development of new amusement equipment and geomagnetic sensors (electronic compasses) for smartphones.

R&D budgets also funded programs to research and develop basic sound- and music-related technologies (sound sources, voice synthesis, architectural acoustics, etc.). Such new devices as speakers, sensors, and interfaces were also researched, in addition to acoustic materials.

### R&D Expenses / R&D Expenses to Net Sales



# Forecast for Fiscal 2018

Net Sales ¥427,000 million	+4.6%	Net Income Attributable to Owners of Parent ¥39,000 million	-16.5%
Operating Income ¥48,500 million	+9.5%		

## Performance forecast

Fiscal 2018 represents the middle year of the medium-term management plan, NEXT STAGE 12.

Gradual economic recovery is expected to continue in North America. In Europe, although uncertainty remains about the future of the EU, signs of economic recovery have emerged and a solid performance is anticipated. While stagnation in the economic growth rate in China is expected to some extent, the Company is expecting to realize a stable performance due to steady growth in piano sales and genuine rise in popularity of other musical instruments, such as digital pianos and guitars. In other emerging countries, while conditions vary by country, the Company expects to realize a certain amount of overall sales growth based on the results it achieved throughout fiscal 2017 and in light of the establishment of a new organization that will manage the Asia Pacific region.

By business segment, in the musical instruments segment, the Company will continue its efforts to increase sales through the upgrade of sales networks in China and other emerging countries. Particularly in China, the Company will respond flexibly to the changing market, which is beginning to show steady sales growth for various products, including digital musical instruments, wind instruments, and guitars. Also, in such developed markets as North America, the Company aims to expand sales by taking a flexible approach to market changes while maximizing the impact of new product launches. Overall, in the musical instruments segment, the Company is expecting a slight increase in sales due to the impact of foreign exchange rates. Income is also expected to increase despite losses in certain areas.

In the audio equipment segment, for AV products, the Company aims to achieve sales growth by steadily promoting the launch of new network audio products. As for PA equipment, the Company will strengthen its ability to offer system solutions in the field of commercial audio equipment, centered on its mainstay digital mixers. In addition, the Company will make a full-scale entry into the commercial installed sound market. In the United States and ASEAN regions, the Company will promote the establishment of a sales structure, which in turn will lead to a steady increase in the rate of growth. In the commercial router business, the Company will leverage its high reputation in the market and expand its domain for switches, access points, and other products. At the same time, the Company aims to increase sales of ICT devices as a whole by integrating microphone speakers for Web conferencing into the audio communication device business.

In the others segment, for the electronic devices business, the Company expects sales to be on a par with those of fiscal 2017. Amid such expectations, the Company will promote efforts to improve the product model mix and reduce costs. At the same time, the Company will contribute to the profit growth of client

companies through proposals for modules that combine the various technologies it possesses.

For golf products, although adverse conditions are expected to continue overseas, the Company aims to further boost its product recognition in Japan and expand sales by increasing its market share. In the automobile interior wood components business, with the aim of enhancing its manufacturing capabilities by reducing lead time, the Company will work to deliver a stable supply to customers. For FA equipment, the Company will set its sights on higher sales through the expansion of its customer base and initiatives to bolster customer support by increasing the number of development staff. In the resort business, the Company aims to improve profitability through structural reforms and other measures, despite an expected sales decrease due to the impact of facility transfers.

Exchange rate assumptions for fiscal 2018 are ¥110 per US\$, ¥120 per €1, and ¥16.2 per CNY¥1. Additionally, the Company expects to set a record high for operating income.

## Capital Expenditures Forecast

In fiscal 2018, capital expenditures are expected to increase ¥28,400 million compared with fiscal 2017. In addition to regular investment in molds for the production of new products, investment for facility upgrades and refurbishment, investment related to sales and marketing, investment to increase production capacity, R&D investment, and expenses related to plant rationalization, the Company plans to make investments to develop new facilities in the area surrounding its headquarters as well as to establish additional new production facilities in India and Indonesia. Depreciation and amortization expenses are expected to be on a par with the previous fiscal year as these expenses will not increase to the extent of capital expenditures following the Groupwide integration of a straight-line depreciation method.

## Profit Distribution Policy

With due consideration given to raising ROE, Yamaha adheres to a basic policy of actively providing returns to its shareholders while carrying out growth investments in areas such as R&D, sales, and capital expenditures, based on prospective levels of medium-term consolidated earnings. For shareholder returns, the Company adopts a policy of providing a continuous and stable dividend. However, giving consideration to the balance between returns and an appropriate amount of retained earnings for future growth investments, the Company will provide returns in a flexible and appropriate manner with the aim of improving capital efficiency. In addition, the Company has set a goal for a consolidated payout ratio of 30% or more. Furthermore, in fiscal 2018, the Company plans to pay a total dividend of ¥56.0 per share.

# Consolidated Balance Sheet

Yamaha Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries As of March 31, 2017	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
	2017	2016	2017
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and deposits (Notes 21 and 23)	¥105,859	¥ 88,166	\$ 943,569
Notes and accounts receivable—trade (Note 23)	50,995	49,026	454,541
Inventories (Note 10)	93,127	91,866	830,083
Deferred tax assets (Note 27)	8,579	8,802	76,468
Other	15,397	18,521	137,240
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,239)	(1,247)	(11,044)
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>272,720</b>	<b>255,135</b>	<b>2,430,876</b>
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation (Notes 6 and 15):			
Buildings and structures, net	31,034	33,728	276,620
Machinery, vehicles, tools, furniture and fixtures, net	23,006	22,612	205,063
Land (Note 9)	43,851	46,061	390,864
Leased assets, net	294	333	2,621
Construction in progress	7,287	1,544	64,952
<b>Total property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation</b>	<b>105,475</b>	<b>104,280</b>	<b>940,146</b>
Investments and other assets:			
Investment securities (Notes 7, 23 and 24)	132,771	96,911	1,183,448
Long-term loans receivable	108	122	963
Net defined benefit assets (Note 26)	254	6	2,264
Deferred tax assets (Note 27)	2,261	2,123	20,153
Lease and guarantee deposits	4,108	4,330	36,616
Goodwill	60	2,456	535
Other (Note 7)	4,726	4,483	42,125
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(126)	(104)	(1,123)
<b>Total investments and other assets</b>	<b>144,166</b>	<b>110,329</b>	<b>1,285,016</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>¥522,362</b>	<b>¥469,745</b>	<b>\$4,656,048</b>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
As of March 31, 2017	2017	2016	2017
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Notes and accounts payable—trade (Note 23)	¥ 17,828	¥ 19,353	\$ 158,909
Short-term loans payable (Notes 23 and 30)	11,170	8,409	99,563
Current portion of long-term loans payable (Notes 23 and 30)	30	30	267
Accounts payable—other and accrued expenses (Note 23)	43,961	37,222	391,844
Income taxes payable	2,410	2,307	21,481
Deferred tax liabilities (Note 27)	11	2	98
Provision for product warranties	1,687	2,526	15,037
Other	5,465	5,607	48,712
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>82,565</b>	<b>75,459</b>	<b>735,939</b>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Long-term loans payable (Notes 23 and 30)	40	71	357
Long-term accounts payable	6,972	1,035	62,145
Deferred tax liabilities (Note 27)	22,161	24,750	197,531
Deferred tax liabilities for land revaluation (Note 9)	9,587	9,878	85,453
Net defined benefit liabilities (Note 26)	23,039	38,024	205,357
Long-term deposits received (Note 23)	9,102	15,041	81,130
Other	1,454	1,595	12,960
<b>Total noncurrent liabilities</b>	<b>72,359</b>	<b>90,396</b>	<b>644,968</b>
<b>Contingent liabilities (Note 8)</b>			
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Shareholders' equity:			
Capital stock:			
Authorized — 700,000,000 shares;			
Issued 2017 — 197,255,025 shares	28,534	—	254,336
2016 — 197,255,025 shares	—	28,534	—
Capital surplus	40,054	40,054	357,019
Retained earnings	250,649	213,050	2,234,147
Treasury stock	(23,731)	(20,945)	(211,525)
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>295,507</b>	<b>260,694</b>	<b>2,633,987</b>
Accumulated other comprehensive income:			
Unrealized holding gain on securities	80,282	55,038	715,590
Unrealized gain (loss) from hedging instruments	103	(97)	918
Revaluation reserve for land (Note 9)	16,095	16,743	143,462
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(24,219)	(19,513)	(215,875)
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	(2,645)	(11,320)	(23,576)
<b>Total accumulated other comprehensive income</b>	<b>69,616</b>	<b>40,850</b>	<b>620,519</b>
<b>Non-controlling interests</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>2,344</b>	<b>20,626</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>367,437</b>	<b>303,889</b>	<b>3,275,131</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>¥522,362</b>	<b>¥469,745</b>	<b>\$4,656,048</b>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

# Consolidated Statement of Operations

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
Year ended March 31, 2017	2017	2016	2017
<b>Net sales</b>	<b>¥408,248</b>	<b>¥435,477</b>	<b>\$3,638,898</b>
<b>Cost of sales (Notes 10, 11 and 13)</b>	<b>242,451</b>	<b>262,406</b>	<b>2,161,075</b>
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>165,796</b>	<b>173,070</b>	<b>1,477,814</b>
Selling, general and administrative expenses (Notes 12 and 13)	121,493	132,407	1,082,922
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>44,302</b>	<b>40,663</b>	<b>394,884</b>
Other income (expenses):			
Interest and dividend income	3,774	3,077	33,639
Tariff refund	—	693	—
Interest expenses	(290)	(338)	(2,585)
Sales discounts	(2,616)	(2,909)	(23,318)
Gain on sales or disposal of property, plant and equipment, net (Note 14)	3,544	8,296	31,589
Gain on sales of investment securities	259	3	2,309
Loss on impairment of fixed assets (Note 15)	(630)	(882)	(5,615)
Amortization of goodwill (Notes 4 and 16)	(1,499)	(6,759)	(13,361)
Business structural reform expenses (Note 15 and 17)	(3,032)	—	(27,026)
Loss due to transition to a defined contribution pension plan	(892)	—	(7,951)
Other, net (Note 18)	(20)	(265)	(178)
	<b>(1,404)</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>(12,514)</b>
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>42,898</b>	<b>41,578</b>	<b>382,369</b>
Income taxes (Note 27):			
Current	8,728	9,541	77,797
Deferred	(12,706)	(656)	(113,254)
	<b>(3,978)</b>	<b>8,885</b>	<b>(35,458)</b>
<b>Net income for the period</b>	<b>46,876</b>	<b>32,693</b>	<b>417,827</b>
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	156	59	1,390
<b>Net income attributable to owners of parent</b>	<b>¥ 46,719</b>	<b>¥ 32,633</b>	<b>\$ 416,427</b>

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# Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

Yamaha Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries Year ended March 31, 2017	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016
<b>Net income for the period</b>	<b>¥46,876</b>	¥ 32,693
Other comprehensive income:		
Unrealized holding gain (loss) on securities	25,234	(32,118)
Unrealized gain (loss) from hedging instruments	200	(313)
Revaluation reserve for land	—	450
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(4,853)	(10,858)
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	8,675	(9,708)
Share of other comprehensive income (loss) of affiliates accounted for using equity method	9	(31)
Total other comprehensive income (Note 19)	29,267	(52,580)
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<b>¥76,143</b>	¥(19,887)
 (Composition)		
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent	¥76,133	¥(19,694)
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	¥ 10	¥ (192)

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Millions of yen													
Yamaha Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries Year ended March 31, 2017	Shareholders' equity					Accumulated other comprehensive income							
	Capital stock (Note 20)	Capital surplus	Retained earnings (Note 20)	Treasury stock (Note 20)	Total shareholders' equity (Note 20)	Unrealized holding gain (loss) on securities	Unrealized gain (loss) from hedging instruments	Revaluation reserve for land	Foreign currency translation adjustments	Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	Total accumulated other comprehensive income	Non-controlling interests	Total net assets
Balance as of April 1, 2015	¥28,534	¥40,054	¥186,436	¥ (3,711)	¥251,314	¥ 87,188	¥ 215	¥18,085	¥ (9,106)	¥ (1,611)	¥ 94,771	¥2,666	¥348,752
Changes of items during the period:													
Dividends from surplus (Note 20)			(7,841)		(7,841)							(7,841)	
Net income attributable to owners of parent			32,633		32,633							32,633	
Change in the scope of consolidation			29		29							29	
Reversal of revaluation reserve for land			1,791		1,791							1,791	
Purchase of treasury stock			(17,234)		(17,234)							(17,234)	
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity						(32,150)	(313)	(1,341)	(10,406)	(9,708)	(53,920)	(321)	(54,242)
Total changes of items during the period	—	—	26,613	(17,234)	9,379	(32,150)	(313)	(1,341)	(10,406)	(9,708)	(53,920)	(321)	(44,862)
Balance as of April 1, 2016	¥28,534	¥40,054	¥213,050	¥(20,945)	¥260,694	¥ 55,038	¥ (97)	¥16,743	¥(19,513)	¥(11,320)	¥ 40,850	¥2,344	¥303,889
Changes of items during the period:													
Dividends from surplus (Note 20)			(9,768)		(9,768)							(9,768)	
Net income attributable to owners of parent			46,719		46,719							46,719	
Change in the scope of consolidation			648		648							—	
Reversal of revaluation reserve for land			(2,785)		(2,785)							648	
Purchase of treasury stock												(2,785)	
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity						25,244	200	(648)	(4,706)	8,675	28,765	(30)	28,735
Total changes of items during the period	—	—	37,598	(2,785)	34,813	25,244	200	(648)	(4,706)	8,675	28,765	(30)	63,548
Balance as of March 31, 2017	¥28,534	¥40,054	¥250,649	¥(23,731)	¥295,507	¥ 80,282	¥ 103	¥16,095	¥(24,219)	¥ (2,645)	¥ 69,616	¥2,314	¥367,437

Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)

	Shareholders' equity					Accumulated other comprehensive income						Total accumulated other comprehensive income	Non-controlling interests	Total net assets
	Capital stock (Note 20)	Capital surplus	Retained earnings (Note 20)	Treasury stock (Note 20)	Total shareholders' equity (Note 20)	Unrealized holding gain (loss) on securities	Unrealized gain (loss) from hedging instruments	Revaluation reserve for land	Foreign currency translation adjustments	Remeasurements of defined benefit plans				
Yamaha Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries														
Year ended March 31, 2017	\$254,336	\$357,019	\$1,899,011	\$186,692	\$2,323,683	\$490,578	\$ (865)	\$149,238	\$ (173,928)	\$ (100,900)	\$364,114	\$20,893	\$2,708,700	
Balance as of April 1, 2016	\$254,336	\$357,019	\$1,899,011	\$186,692	\$2,323,683	\$490,578	\$ (865)	\$149,238	\$ (173,928)	\$ (100,900)	\$364,114	\$20,893	\$2,708,700	
Changes of items during the period:														
Dividends from surplus (Note 20)						(87,067)		(87,067)						(87,067)
Net income attributable to owners of parent						416,427		416,427						416,427
Change in the scope of consolidation														—
Reversal of revaluation reserve for land						5,776		5,776						5,776
Purchase of treasury stock						(24,824)		(24,824)						(24,824)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity														
						225,011		1,783	(5,776)	(41,947)	77,324	256,395		(267) 256,128
Total changes of items during the period	—	—	335,128	(24,824)	310,304	225,011		1,783	(5,776)	(41,947)	77,324	256,395		(267) 566,432
Balance as of March 31, 2017	\$254,336	\$357,019	\$2,234,147	\$211,525	\$2,633,987	\$715,590	\$ 918	\$143,462	\$ (215,875)	\$ (23,576)	\$620,519	\$20,626	\$3,275,131	

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

# Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Yamaha Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries Year ended March 31, 2017	2017	2016	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
	2017	2016	2017
<b>Operating activities:</b>			
Income before income taxes	¥ 42,898	¥ 41,578	\$ 382,369
Depreciation and amortization	11,145	12,681	99,340
Loss on impairment of fixed assets	630	882	5,615
Amortization of goodwill	2,307	9,553	20,563
Increase (decrease) in allowance for doubtful accounts	47	(91)	419
(Gain) on liquidation of subsidiaries and affiliates	(229)	—	(2,041)
Loss on valuation of investment securities	7	0	62
(Gain) on sales of investment securities	(259)	(3)	(2,309)
(Gain) on liquidation of investment securities	—	(13)	—
(Decrease) in net defined benefit liabilities	(7,166)	(3,172)	(63,874)
Interest and dividend income	(3,774)	(3,077)	(33,639)
Interest expenses	290	338	2,585
Foreign exchange (gains) losses	(111)	286	(989)
Equity in (gains) losses of affiliates	(7)	6	(62)
(Gain) on sales or disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	(3,544)	(8,296)	(31,589)
Business structural reform expenses	3,032	—	27,026
Decrease (increase) in notes and accounts receivable—trade	(3,036)	9,947	(27,061)
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(3,387)	(8,523)	(30,190)
Increase (decrease) in notes and accounts payable—trade	(550)	(1,921)	(4,902)
Increase in accounts payable due to transition to a defined contribution pension plan	7,241	—	64,542
Other, net	(852)	273	(7,594)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>44,679</b>	<b>50,449</b>	<b>398,244</b>
Interest and dividend income received	3,780	3,137	33,693
Interest expenses paid	(230)	(332)	(2,050)
Payment of business structural reform expenses	(565)	(1,543)	(5,036)
Income taxes paid	(8,520)	(9,311)	(75,943)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>39,142</b>	<b>42,399</b>	<b>348,890</b>
<b>Investing activities:</b>			
Net decrease (increase) in time deposits	(2,094)	(300)	(18,665)
Payments for purchase of property, plant and equipment	(13,276)	(11,432)	(118,335)
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	5,263	12,811	46,911
Payments for purchase of investment securities	(191)	(250)	(1,702)
Proceeds from sales and redemption of investment securities	318	41	2,834
Proceeds from liquidation of investment securities	—	27	—
Proceeds from liquidation of subsidiaries and affiliates	329	—	2,933
Other, net	(12)	(305)	(107)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>(9,663)</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>(86,131)</b>
<b>Financing activities:</b>			
Net increase (decrease) in short-term loans payable	2,765	(2,188)	24,646
Proceeds from long-term loans payable	—	93	—
Repayments of long-term loans payable	(30)	(111)	(267)
Proceeds from deposits received from membership	125	150	1,114
Repayments for deposits received from membership	(5,582)	(261)	(49,755)
Purchase of treasury stock	(8)	(17,234)	(71)
Payments made to trust account for purchase of treasury stock	—	(2,793)	—
Cash dividends paid	(9,768)	(7,841)	(87,067)
Cash dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(40)	(129)	(357)
Other, net	(47)	(31)	(419)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(12,588)</b>	<b>(30,349)</b>	<b>(112,203)</b>
<b>Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(1,238)</b>	<b>(3,782)</b>	<b>(11,035)</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>15,651</b>	<b>8,859</b>	<b>139,504</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of period</b>	<b>85,018</b>	<b>76,159</b>	<b>757,804</b>
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents due to newly consolidated subsidiaries</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents resulting from exclusion of subsidiaries from consolidation</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(858)</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period (Note 21)</b>	<b>¥100,669</b>	<b>¥ 85,018</b>	<b>\$ 897,308</b>

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# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

## 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### (a) Basis of presentation

Yamaha Corporation (the Company) and its domestic subsidiaries maintain their accounting records and prepare their financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan, and its overseas subsidiaries maintain their books of account in conformity with those of their respective countries of domicile. However, in accordance with "Practical Solution on Unification of Accounting Policies Applied to Foreign Subsidiaries for Consolidated Financial Statements" (Practical Issues Task Force (PITF) No.18), the accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared by using the accounts of overseas consolidated subsidiaries prepared in accordance with either International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) or accounting principles generally accepted in the United States as adjusted for certain items. The Company and all consolidated subsidiaries are referred to herein as the "Yamaha Group."

The consolidated financial statements are prepared on the basis of accounting principles generally accepted in Japan, which are different in certain respects as to the application and disclosure requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards, and are compiled from the consolidated financial statements prepared by the Company as required by the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan. Certain reclassifications have been made to present the accompanying consolidated financial statements in a format that is familiar to readers outside Japan. As permitted, amounts of less than one million yen have been omitted. As a result, the totals shown in the accompanying consolidated financial statements (both in yen and U.S. dollars) do not necessarily agree with the sums of the individual amounts.

### (b) Basis of consolidation and accounting for investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the parent company and all subsidiaries over which it exerts substantial control through majority ownership of voting stock and/or other means. As of March 31, 2017, the numbers of consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates accounted for by the equity method were 66 and 2 (67 and 2 in 2016). From the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017, the Company has included one overseas subsidiary in the scope of consolidation. The Company has also excluded two domestic subsidiaries from the scope of consolidation. Following its establishment, PT. Yamaha Musical Products Asia has been included in the scope of consolidation. The Company has excluded Yamaha Music Electronics Japan Co., Ltd. from the scope of consolidation due to the absorption of the company by Yamaha Musical Products Japan Co., Ltd. The Company has also excluded Line 6 (Japan), Inc. from the scope of consolidation due to the completion of liquidation.

Investments in affiliates (other than subsidiaries as defined above) whose decision-making and control over their operations are significantly affected in various ways by the Yamaha Group are accounted for by the equity method. Investments in two affiliates were accounted for by the equity method for the year ended March 31, 2017 (two in 2016). Investments in unconsolidated affiliates not accounted for by the equity method are carried at cost.

Ten overseas subsidiaries have a financial closing date as of December 31, which differs from the financial closing date of the Company; however, financial statements as of March 31 are prepared and reported by these overseas subsidiaries for consolidation purposes.

### (c) Securities

Securities owned by the Yamaha Group have been classified into two categories, held-to-maturity and available-for-sale, in accordance with the accounting standards for financial instruments. Under these standards, held-to-maturity debt securities are either amortized or accumulated to face value by the straight-line method. Marketable securities classified as available-for-sale securities are carried at fair value with any changes in unrealized holding gain or loss, net of the applicable income taxes, included directly in net assets. Nonmarketable securities classified as available-for-sale securities are carried at cost. If the market value of marketable securities classified as available-for-sale securities declines significantly, such securities are written down to their respective fair value, thus establishing a new cost basis. The amount of each write-down is charged to income as a loss on valuation of investment securities unless the fair value is deemed recoverable. The Company has established a policy for the recognition of loss on valuation of investment securities if the market value at the year-end has declined significantly and a recovery to fair value is not anticipated. Cost of securities sold is determined by the weighted-average method.

### (d) Inventories

Inventories of the Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries are stated principally at the cost method (a method of reducing book value when the profitability of the inventories declines), cost being determined by the periodic average method. Inventories of the Company's overseas consolidated subsidiaries are stated principally at the lower of cost or market, cost being determined by the moving-average method.

### (e) Depreciation

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (excluding leased assets) is calculated by the straight-line method, at rates based on the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

Estimated useful lives:

Buildings: 31–50 years (accompanying facilities: 15 years)

Structures: 10–30 years

Machinery and equipment: 4–12 years

Tools, furniture and fixtures: 5–6 years

Depreciation of leased assets under finance leases, other than those for which the ownership transfers to the lessee, is calculated by the straight-line method over the lease period with the residual value at zero.

### (f) Allowance for doubtful accounts

To properly evaluate accounts receivable, the allowance for doubtful accounts is provided at an amount sufficient to cover possible

losses on the collection of receivables. The amount of the provision is based on the historical experience with write-offs for normal receivables and individual estimation of the collectability of receivables due from specific companies in financial difficulties.

**(g) Provision for product warranties**

Provision for product warranties is provided to cover the cost of customers' claims relating to after-sales service and repairs. The amount of this provision is based on a percentage of the amount or volume of sales after considering the historical experience with repairs of products under warranty or individual estimation.

**(h) Retirement benefits**

In calculating retirement benefit obligations, the benefit formula is primarily used as the method for allocating projected retirement benefits to periods of service up to March 31, 2017.

Prior service cost is amortized as incurred by the straight-line method over a period (10 years) that is shorter than the average remaining years of service of the employees participating in the plans.

Actuarial gain or loss is amortized in the following year in which the gain or loss is recognized, primarily by the straight-line method, over a period (10 years) that is shorter than the average remaining years of service of the employees participating in the plans.

**(i) Construction contracts**

For the construction work in progress, if the outcome of the construction activity during the course of the construction is deemed certain, the percentage of completion method is applied.

When the above condition is not met, the completed-contract method is applied.

The method for estimating the amount recognized by the "percentage-of-completion" method is based on the ratio of costs incurred to the estimated total cost.

**(j) Criteria for presentation of finance leases (as lessor)**

Finance lease transactions where the Company or a consolidated subsidiary is the lessor of the leased assets, in which ownership is not transferred to the lessee, are recorded as lease investment assets that are included in the item "Other" account under "Current assets." Sales and cost of sales related to these finance lease transactions are recognized at the time the lease fees are received.

**(k) Foreign currency translation**

Monetary assets and liabilities of the Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates in effect at each balance sheet date. The resulting exchange gain or loss is recognized as other income or expense. Assets and liabilities of overseas consolidated subsidiaries are translated at the exchange rates in effect at each balance sheet date. The components of net assets excluding translation adjustment and non-controlling interests are translated at their historical exchange rates. Revenue and expense accounts are translated at the average rates of exchange in effect during the year. Differences arising from translation are presented as translation

adjustments and non-controlling interests in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

**(l) Derivative financial instruments**

The Company has entered into various derivative transactions in order to manage certain risk arising from adverse fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. Derivative financial instruments are carried at fair value with changes in unrealized gain or loss charged or credited to operations, except for those which meet the criteria for deferral hedge accounting under which unrealized gain or loss is deferred as a component of net assets.

(Hedge accounting)

To manage the fluctuation of foreign exchange risk in normal export and import transactions, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries arrange their forward foreign exchange contracts and currency options, within amounts necessary, in accordance with internal rules of each company.

Hedging instruments are forward foreign exchange contracts and purchased foreign currency put options. Hedged items consist of forecast transactions, and recognized receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies. Forecast transactions denominated in foreign currencies designated as hedged items are accounted for by the benchmark method.

Where hedge effectiveness is not reassessed given that the anticipated cash flows have been fixed by hedging activities and the risk of changes in cash flows is completely avoided, forward foreign exchange contracts related to receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies are accounted for by the allocation method whereby translation differences are allocated into the hedged items. See Note 25.

**(m) Amortization method and amortization period for goodwill**

Amortization of goodwill is carried out separately for each goodwill item over a reasonable amount of years using the straight-line method.

**(n) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash on hand and in banks and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased can easily be converted to cash and are subject to little risk of change in value.

**(o) Income taxes**

Deferred income taxes are recognized by the asset and liability method. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the differences between financial reporting and the tax bases of the assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws which will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse.

The Company and certain of its domestic subsidiaries have adopted the consolidated taxation system.

**(p) Consumption tax**

National and local consumption taxes are excluded from transaction amounts. Non-deductible national and local consumption taxes on assets are treated as expenses.

## 2 Changes in Accounting Principles

Regarding the methods for calculation of depreciation of property, plant and equipment, previously, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries in Japan adopted the declining balance method, and overseas consolidated subsidiaries mainly applied the straight-line method for calculating depreciation. However, from the beginning of this fiscal year, the method for depreciation in the Company and its subsidiaries has been changed to the straight-line method.

Under the current medium-term management plan NEXT STAGE 12, which will cover the three-year period beginning from the current fiscal year, as a part of its key strategies, the Company has set the objectives of continuously reducing costs, including reorganization of production processes, and strengthening its global business platforms. In addition, along with the expansion of the sales and production overseas and the increasing number of overseas subsidiaries through M&A, the importance of overseas bases is increasing. Since standardization of accounting treatment

throughout the Group has risen in importance, on the occasion of preparing a medium-term management plan, the Company reconsidered the methods for calculating depreciation of property, plant and equipment.

Taking into account the actual usage and capital investments in the past as well as the usage plans and capital investments in the future, since the outlook is for the property, plant and equipment to be used stably over long useful lives, the Company has decided that it will be reasonable for depreciation expenses to be spread evenly over the useful lives of these assets through the use of the straight-line method of depreciation.

As a result of this change, operating income, ordinary income, and income before income taxes for the fiscal year were ¥745 million (\$6,641 thousand) higher than they would have been in the absence of this change. Please note that the effect of this change to the segment information is stated in the related section (Note 28).

## 3 Changes in the Method of Presentation

### Consolidated balance sheets

In the consolidated financial statements for the previous fiscal year, long-term accounts payable were included in the other item under noncurrent liabilities. However, since the amount of this item has become material, it has been presented as an independent item. To reflect this change in presentation, the consolidated financial statements for the previous fiscal year have been reclassified.

As a result, in the consolidated balance sheets for the previous fiscal year, the other item under noncurrent liabilities, which was reported as ¥2,631 million, has been restated as ¥1,035 million of long-term accounts payable and ¥1,595 million of the other item under noncurrent liabilities.

## 4 Additional Information

### Presentation of deferred tax assets accompanying the application of "Revised Implementation Guidance on Recoverability of Deferred Tax Assets"

The Company has applied "Revised Implementation Guidance on Recoverability of Deferred Tax Assets" (ASBJ Guidance No. 26, March 28, 2016) from the beginning of this fiscal year, and, based on the recent performance trends and other factors, the Company has revised the recoverability of deferred tax assets.

As a result, during fiscal 2017, deferred tax assets have been additionally recorded in the consolidated financial statements, with ¥12,706 million (\$113,254 thousand) to be credited as deferred income taxes.

### Realignment of resort business

The Company has decided to realign its resort business and, regarding "Tsumagoi™" that the Yamaha Group manages, concluded a transfer agreement of its real estate and trademark "Tsumagoi™" with Hotel Management International Co., Ltd. (HMI) on February 28, 2017. The Yamaha Group fully closed its operations as of March 26, 2017, and on March 27, the assets

were transferred to HMI.

Please note that, in connection with this corporate realignment, the Company reported a gain on sales of noncurrent assets of ¥2,182 million (\$19,449 thousand) and business structural reform expenses of ¥2,652 million (\$23,638 thousand). The impact on the consolidated financial statements for fiscal 2017 was a reduction in income before income taxes of ¥470 million (\$4,189 thousand).

### Extraordinary losses due to impairment loss on stock of consolidated subsidiary and immediate amortization of goodwill

The Company reported extraordinary losses in fiscal 2017 because of the impairment loss on stock of a consolidated subsidiary held by the Company (in the non-consolidated closing) and the immediate amortization of goodwill (in the consolidated closing).

(1) Impairment loss of stock of consolidated subsidiary (in the non-consolidated closing)

The Company reported ¥2,319 million (\$20,670 thousand) of extraordinary losses due to loss on valuation of stocks of subsidiaries and affiliates, namely, Revolabs, Inc., a company that became a

wholly owned subsidiary in March 2014, together with its subsidiaries. This course of action was taken because performance results and results expected from drawing on the technology, know-how, sales network, etc. of these subsidiaries continued to diverge from initial plans. For this reason, the Company has reported an impairment loss on stocks of Revolabs and its subsidiaries.

Please note that the extraordinary losses shown in the non-consolidated closing have been eliminated in consolidation; therefore, the impact of this extraordinary loss in the consolidated closing is equal to those shown in section 2.

(2) Immediate amortization of goodwill (in the consolidated closing) Accompanying the impairment loss in the non-consolidated closing noted in the previous item, in its consolidated closing, the Company reported extraordinary losses on the immediate amortization of goodwill of ¥1,499 million (\$13,361 thousand) related to Revolabs, Inc., and its subsidiaries.

#### Revisions in the pension plans

Yamaha Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries revised their pension plans as of April 1, 2017, and made the transition of a portion of such plans from defined benefit to defined contribution plans.

Accompanying this, Yamaha has applied "Accounting Treatment of Pension Plan Transitions" (Corporate Accounting Application Guidelines No. 1). For more details, see note 26.

## 5 U.S. Dollar Amounts

Solely for the convenience of the reader, the accompanying consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017 have been presented in U.S. dollars by translating all yen amounts at ¥112.19 = U.S.\$1.00, the exchange rate prevailing on March 31, 2017. This translation should not be construed as a representation that yen have been, could have been, or could in the future be converted into U.S. dollars at the above or any other rate.

## 6 Accumulated Depreciation

Accumulated depreciation of property, plant and equipment at March 31, 2017 and 2016 amounted to ¥182,053 million (\$1,622,720 thousand) and ¥189,438 million, respectively.

## 7 Investment Securities

Investment securities at March 31, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016	2017
Investment securities in unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	¥918	¥1,009	\$8,183
Investments in capital in unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	31	32	276

## 8 Contingent Liabilities

Contingent liabilities at March 31, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016	2017
Export bills discounted with banks	¥—	¥27	\$—

## 9 Land Revaluation

For the year ended March 31, 2017, the Company has carried over the revaluation of their landholdings at the date of revaluation in accordance with the "Law Concerning the Revaluation of Land" (Law No.34 published on March 31, 1998). The date of revaluation was March 31, 2002.

For the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company determined the value of its land based on the respective value registered in the land tax list or the supplementary land tax list as specified in No.10 or No.11 of Article 341 of the Local Tax Law governed by Item 3 of Article 2 of the Enforcement Order for the "Law Concerning the Revaluation of Land" (Cabinet Order No.119 published on March 31, 1998).

The excess of the revalued carrying amount of such land over its market value at March 31, 2017 and 2016 is summarized as follows:

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016	2017
Excess of revalued carrying amount of land over market value	¥(7,271)	¥(7,331)	\$(64,810)

## 10 Inventories

Inventories at March 31, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016	2017
Merchandise and finished goods	¥66,149	¥63,232	\$589,616
Work in process	12,687	12,825	113,085
Raw materials and supplies	14,290	15,808	127,373
Total	¥93,127	¥91,866	\$830,083

Write-downs of inventories for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 were recognized in the following account:

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016	2017
Cost of sales	¥(107)	¥(1,080)	\$(954)

Note: Figure in parentheses is a profit item.

## 11 Provision for Loss on Construction Contracts

Provision for loss on construction contracts was included in the following account for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016	2017
Cost of sales	¥(149)	¥165	\$(1,328)

Note: Figure in parentheses is a profit item.

## 12 Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Principal items of selling, general and administrative expenses for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
	2017	2016	
Sales commissions	¥ 1,157	¥ 1,396	\$ 10,313
Transport expenses	11,841	13,407	105,544
Advertising expenses and sales promotion expenses	17,558	19,183	156,502
Allowance for doubtful accounts	149	69	1,328
Provision for product warranties	(38)	974	(339)
Retirement benefit expenses	3,752	2,921	33,443
Salaries and benefits	52,238	54,806	465,621
Rent	3,740	4,017	33,336
Depreciation and amortization	2,299	2,440	20,492

Note: Figure in parentheses is a profit item.

## 13 R&D Expenses

R&D expenses, included in selling, general and administrative expenses and cost of sales for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, amounted to ¥24,415 million (\$217,622 thousand) and ¥24,793 million, respectively.

## 14 Sales or Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment

### For the year ended March 31, 2017

Gain on sales of property, plant and equipment principally resulted from sales of noncurrent assets of ¥2,182 million (\$19,449 thousand) related to realignment of the resort business. Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment principally resulted from disposal of buildings and structures, and land.

### For the year ended March 31, 2016

Gain on sales of property, plant and equipment totaled ¥7,931 million, resulted principally from sales of the land and building of the former Shinsaibashi building, as well as the land of the former Kyushu building. Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment principally resulted from disposal of land, machinery and equipment, and buildings and structures.

## 15 Loss on Impairment of Fixed Assets

The following table summarizes loss on impairment of fixed assets for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

Group of fixed assets	Location	Impaired assets	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
			2017	2017
Idle assets, etc.	Kakegawa City, Shizuoka, and elsewhere	Buildings and structures	¥1,039	\$ 9,261
		Machinery, vehicles, tools, furniture and fixtures	123	1,096
		Land	1,437	12,809
		Construction in progress	34	303
		Total	¥2,634	\$23,478

Of the aforementioned amount, impairment loss of ¥2,004 million (\$17,863 thousand) related to realignment of the resort business is included in the business structural reform expenses.

Group of fixed assets	Location	Impaired assets	Millions of yen	
				2016
Idle assets, etc.	Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka, and elsewhere	Buildings and structures	¥ 85	
		Machinery, vehicles, tools, furniture and fixtures	0	
		Land	796	
		Total	¥882	

#### Method for Grouping of Assets

Within its segment classification, the Yamaha Group forms the smallest asset units that generate cash flow together.

#### Background Leading to the Recognition of Impairment Losses

Impairment losses were recognized on idle assets that will not be used in the future, assets that are expected to become idle assets, and assets that the Company expects to dispose of.

#### Calculation of the Recovery Value

The recovery value of idle assets, etc., is estimated from the net sales value; indicators include value estimates prepared by real estate appraisers, the assessed value for the tangible fixed assets tax, and other sources.

## 16 Amortization of Goodwill

#### For the year ended March 31, 2017

An immediate amortization of goodwill was recognized based on Item 32 of the "Practical Guideline Related to Capital Consolidation Procedures in Consolidated Financial Statements" (Final Revision on November 28, 2014, the Accounting Practice Committee Report No.7 issued by the Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants).

See note 4.

#### For the year ended March 31, 2016

An immediate amortization of goodwill was recognized based on Item 32 of the "Practical Guideline Related to Capital Consolidation Procedures in Consolidated Financial Statements" (Final Revision on November 28, 2014, the Accounting Practice Committee Report No.7 issued by the Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants).

## 17 Business Structural Reform Expenses

#### For the year ended March 31, 2017

In addition to losses of ¥2,652 million (\$23,638 thousand) (including ¥2,004 million (\$17,863 thousand) of impairment loss on fixed assets) incurred in connection with the realignment of the resort business, the Company incurred losses of ¥380 million (\$3,387 thousand) due to extra retirement allowance in connection with reductions in personnel at overseas manufacturing and development operations.

#### For the year ended March 31, 2016

None

## 18 Other Income (Expenses)

The components of "Other, net" in "Other income (expenses)" for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016	2017
Foreign exchange losses	¥(218)	¥(598)	\$(1,943)
Gain on liquidation of subsidiaries and affiliates	229	—	2,041
Gain on liquidation of investment securities	—	13	—
Loss on valuation of investment securities	(6)	(0)	(53)
Others	(25)	320	(223)
Other, net	¥ (20)	¥(265)	\$ (178)

## 19 Information on Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

Reclassification adjustments and tax effects related to each component of other comprehensive income for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016	2017
Other comprehensive income			
Unrealized holding gain (loss) on securities			
Amount arising during the year	¥ 36,108	¥(48,053)	\$321,847
Reclassification adjustments for gains and losses recognized in the Statement of Operations	(244)	—	(2,175)
Tax effect	(10,630)	15,934	(94,750)
Total	25,234	(32,118)	224,922
Unrealized gain (loss) from hedging instruments			
Amount arising during the year	287	(457)	2,558
Tax effect	(87)	144	(775)
Total	200	(313)	1,783
Revaluation reserve for land			
Tax effect	—	450	—
Foreign currency translation adjustments			
Amount arising during the year	(4,853)	(10,858)	(43,257)
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans			
Amount arising during the year	4,322	(10,428)	38,524
Reclassification adjustments for gains and losses recognized in the Statement of Operations	3,502	741	31,215
Amount before tax effect adjustment	7,824	(9,686)	69,739
Tax effect	850	(22)	7,576
Total	8,675	(9,708)	77,324
Share of other comprehensive income (loss) of affiliates accounted for using equity method			
Amount arising during the year	9	(31)	80
Total	¥ 29,267	¥(52,580)	\$260,870

## 20 Information on Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets

The following tables present information related to the accompanying consolidated statement of changes in net assets for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

### (a) Common stock

Number of shares	2017	2016
Beginning of the year	197,255,025	197,255,025
Increase	—	—
Decrease	—	—
End of the year	197,255,025	197,255,025

### (b) Treasury stock

Number of shares	2017	2016
Beginning of the year	8,971,933	3,631,425
Increase	848,758 <sup>*1</sup>	5,340,508 <sup>*2</sup>
Decrease	—	—
End of the year	9,820,691	8,971,933

\*1 Increase owing to purchase of treasury stock based on the resolution of the Board of Directors:  
Increase owing to purchase of outstanding fractional shares of less than one trading unit:  
846,200 shares  
2,558 shares

\*2 Increase owing to purchase of treasury stock based on the resolution of the Board of Directors:  
Increase owing to purchase of outstanding fractional shares of less than one trading unit:  
5,336,200 shares  
4,308 shares

### (c) Subscription rights to shares

None

### (d) Cash dividends

#### (1) Amount of dividend payments

2017

Date of approval	Type of shares	Total dividends (Millions of yen)	Total dividends (Thousands of U.S. dollars) (Note 5)	Dividends per share (Yen)	Dividends per share (U.S. dollars) (Note 5)	Record date	Effective date
Jun. 22, 2016 (Annual General Meeting of Shareholders)	Common stock	¥4,895	\$43,631	¥26.00	\$0.23	Mar. 31, 2016	Jun. 23, 2016
Nov. 7, 2016 (Board of Directors)	Common stock	¥4,873	\$43,435	¥26.00	\$0.23	Sept. 30, 2016	Dec. 8, 2016

Notes: 1. Dividends per share of ¥26.00 (\$0.23) approved on June 22, 2016 consisted of regular dividends of ¥26.00 (\$0.23).

2. Dividends per share of ¥26.00 (\$0.23) approved on November 7, 2016 consisted of regular dividends of ¥26.00 (\$0.23).

2016

Date of approval	Type of shares	Total dividends (Millions of yen)	Dividends per share (Yen)	Record date	Effective date
Jun. 23, 2015 (Annual General Meeting of Shareholders)	Common stock	¥4,356	¥22.50	Mar. 31, 2015	Jun. 24, 2015
Oct. 30, 2015 (Board of Directors)	Common stock	¥3,485	¥18.00	Sept. 30, 2015	Dec. 8, 2015

Notes: 1. Dividends per share of ¥22.50 approved on June 23, 2015 consisted of regular dividends of ¥22.50.

2. Dividends per share of ¥18.00 approved on October 30, 2015 consisted of regular dividends of ¥18.00.

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**(2) Dividends whose effective date is in the year subsequent to that in which the record date falls**

**2017**

Date of approval	Type of shares	Source of dividends	Total dividends (Millions of yen)	Total dividends (Thousands of U.S. dollars) (Note 5)	Dividends per share (Yen)	Dividends per share (U.S. dollars) (Note 5)	Record date	Effective date
Jun. 22, 2017 (Annual General Meeting of Shareholders)	Common stock	Retained earnings	¥4,873	\$43,435	¥26.00	\$0.23	Mar. 31, 2017	Jun. 23, 2017

Note: Dividends per share of ¥26.00 (\$0.23) approved on June 22, 2017 consisted of regular dividends of ¥26.00 (\$0.23).

**2016**

Date of approval	Type of shares	Source of dividends	Total dividends (Millions of yen)	Dividends per share (Yen)	Record date	Effective date
Jun. 22, 2016 (Annual General Meeting of Shareholders)	Common stock	Retained earnings	¥4,895	¥26.00	Mar. 31, 2016	Jun. 23, 2016

Note: Dividends per share of ¥26.00 approved on June 22, 2016 consisted of regular dividends of ¥26.00.

## 21 Supplementary Cash Flow Information

The following table represents a reconciliation of "Cash and deposits" and "Cash and cash equivalents" at March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)		
	Millions of yen	2017	2016
Cash and deposits	¥105,859	¥88,166	\$943,569
Time deposits with a maturity of more than three months	(5,189)	(3,147)	(46,252)
Cash and cash equivalents	¥100,669	¥85,018	\$897,308

## 22 Leases

**2017**

### Lessees' accounting

#### Operating Lease Transactions

Future minimum lease payments subsequent to March 31, 2017 on noncancelable leases are as follows:

Years ending March 31	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
2018	¥ 807	\$ 7,193
2019 and thereafter	2,490	22,194
Total	¥3,297	\$29,388

***Finance Lease Transactions in which Ownership is not transferred to the Lessee Commencing on or before March 31, 2008*****(a) Amounts related to leased assets corresponding to the acquisition cost, accumulated depreciation and net book value at the end of the year**

As of March 31, 2017	Millions of yen			Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)		
	Acquisition costs	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value	Acquisition costs	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value
Buildings and structures	¥799	¥453	¥345	\$7,122	\$4,038	\$3,075
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	¥799	¥453	¥345	\$7,122	\$4,038	\$3,075

Amounts corresponding to the acquisition costs include interest expense since the balance of future minimum lease payments accounts for only a small percentage of property, plant and equipment as of the balance sheet date.

**(b) Amounts corresponding to the future minimum lease payments subsequent to March 31, 2017**

Years ending March 31	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
2018	¥ 47	\$ 419
2019 and thereafter	298	2,656
Total	¥345	\$3,075

Amounts corresponding to the future minimum lease payments include interest expense since the balance of future minimum lease payments accounts for only a small percentage of property, plant and equipment as of the balance sheet date.

**(c) Amounts corresponding to the lease payments and depreciation**

Year ended March 31, 2017	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
Lease payments	¥47	\$419
Depreciation	47	419

**(d) Method of calculating the amount of the depreciation of leased assets**

Depreciation of leased assets is calculated by the straight-line method over the lease period with their residual value at zero.

**Lessors' accounting****Operating Lease Transactions**

Future minimum lease amounts receivable subsequent to March 31, 2017 on noncancelable leases are as follows:

Years ending March 31	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
2018	¥470	\$4,189
2019 and thereafter	445	3,966
Total	¥915	\$8,156

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**2016**

**Lessees' accounting**

*Operating Lease Transactions*

Future minimum lease payments subsequent to March 31, 2016 on noncancelable leases are as follows:

Years ended / ending March 31	Millions of yen
2017	¥ 849
2018 and thereafter	2,797
Total	¥3,646

*Finance Lease Transactions in which Ownership is not transferred to the Lessee Commencing on or before March 31, 2008*

**(a) Amounts related to leased assets corresponding to the acquisition cost, accumulated depreciation and net book value at the end of the year**

As of March 31, 2016	Millions of yen		
	Acquisition costs	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value
Buildings and structures	¥799	¥406	¥392
Other	—	—	—
Total	¥799	¥406	¥392

Amounts corresponding to the acquisition costs include interest expense since the balance of future minimum lease payments accounts for only a small percentage of property, plant and equipment as of the balance sheet date.

**(b) Amounts corresponding to the future minimum lease payments subsequent to March 31, 2016**

Years ended / ending March 31	Millions of yen
2017	¥ 47
2018 and thereafter	345
Total	¥392

Amounts corresponding to the future minimum lease payments include interest expense since the balance of future minimum lease payments accounts for only a small percentage of property, plant and equipment as of the balance sheet date.

**(c) Amounts corresponding to the lease payments and depreciation**

Year ended March 31, 2016	Millions of yen
Lease payments	¥47
Depreciation	47

**(d) Method of calculating the amount of the depreciation of leased assets**

Depreciation of leased assets is calculated by the straight-line method over the lease period with their residual value at zero.

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Future minimum lease amounts receivable subsequent to March 31, 2016 on noncancelable leases are as follows:

Years ended / ending March 31	Millions of yen
2017	¥ 502
2018 and thereafter	586
Total	¥1,088

## 23 Financial Instruments

### (a) Overview

#### (1) Policy for financial instruments

The Yamaha Group, in principle, limits its cash management to deposits for which principals are guaranteed and interest rates are fixed. In addition, the Yamaha Group raises funds mainly through bank borrowings. Further, Yamaha and its owned domestic subsidiaries practice group finance. The Yamaha Group uses derivatives for the purpose of reducing risk, and limits derivative transactions to actual exposure. The Yamaha Group does not enter into derivative transactions for speculative purposes.

#### (2) Types of financial instruments and related risk

Trade notes and accounts receivable are exposed to the credit risk of its customers. In addition, the Yamaha Group is exposed to foreign currency exchange risk arising from receivables denominated in foreign currencies.

Short-term investment securities and investment securities are exposed to market risk. Those securities are composed of mainly the stock of Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd., a former affiliated company which shares the Yamaha brand in common, and shares of common stock of other companies with which it has business relationships. Trade notes and accounts payable, other accounts payable, and accrued expenses have payment due dates within one year. In addition, trade accounts payable that are denominated in foreign currencies are exposed to foreign currency exchange risk. Short-term loans payable are raised mainly in connection with business activities, and long-term loans payable are taken out principally for the purpose of making capital investments. The repayment dates of long-term loans payable extend up to two years and four months from March 31, 2017, and up to three years and four months from March 31, 2016, respectively. Long-term deposits received are membership deposits received from customers in the Yamaha Group's resort business. The Yamaha Group is exposed to liquidity risk from its trade notes and accounts payable, other accounts payable, accrued expenses, short-term loans payable, long-term loans payable, and long-term deposits received.

Regarding derivatives, the Yamaha Group enters into foreign exchange forward contracts with netting arrangements and currency options (foreign currency put options) to reduce foreign currency exchange risk arising from the receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies in normal export and import transactions.

Foreign exchange forward contracts are exposed to foreign currency exchange risk. For currency options, since the Yamaha Group only uses purchased foreign currency put options, the risk of loss is limited to the option premium.

Derivative transactions are accounted for by hedge accounting. The method of hedge accounting, hedging instruments and hedged items, hedging policy, and the assessment of the effectiveness of hedging activities are described in Note 1(l) Derivative financial instruments (Hedge accounting).

### (b) Risk management for financial instruments

The Yamaha Group has established a Group financial risk management policy, and the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries have prepared rules based on this policy for the following risk:

#### (1) Credit risk (the risk that customers may default)

The Yamaha Group has prepared policy for managing its credit exposure and trade receivables. In accordance with the rules, the Yamaha Group monitors the credit exposure limits of each customer and organizes all trade receivables by customer, and confirms the outstanding balances by customers regularly. For receivables that become past due, rules require taking steps to understand the causes and preparing a schedule for the recovery of this exposure.

To minimize the credit risk of the counterparty in derivative transactions, the Yamaha Group enters into transactions only with financial institutions that have a sound credit profile.

#### (2) Market risk (the risks arising from fluctuations in exchange rates, interest rates, and other indicators)

For trade receivables denominated in foreign currencies, the Yamaha Group minimizes the foreign exchange risk arising from the receivable by entering into forward foreign exchange contracts and arranging for currency options, after netting by the payables denominated in foreign currencies, within the limits of actual transactions. Also, the trade accounts payable denominated in foreign currencies are maintained within the amount of accounts receivable denominated in foreign currencies at all times.

For short-term investment securities and investment securities, the Yamaha Group periodically reviews the market value and the financial position of the issuer with which the Yamaha Group has a business relationship.

In conducting derivative transactions, based on the policy stated in (1) above, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries hold discussions, establish internal rules for the management of derivatives, and then conduct and manage such transactions in accordance with the rules.

Derivative transactions of the Company and its subsidiaries are concentrated in each accounting and finance department of these companies. Internal rules set forth the roles of each accounting and finance department, reports to be submitted to top management, communications to be sent to related departments, and maximum upper limit on position.

Monthly reports including the outstanding balance of derivative transactions and quantitative information such as market trends of foreign exchange rate are submitted to top management.

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**(3) Liquidity risk (the risk that the Group may not be able to meet its obligations on the scheduled dates)**

The Yamaha Group manages liquidity risk based on the cash flow plans of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries and through the practice of group finance at the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries in Japan.

**(4) Supplementary explanation of the estimated fair value of financial instruments**

The estimated fair value of financial instruments is their quoted market price if available. When there is no quoted market price available, fair value is reasonably estimated. Since various assumptions and factors are reflected in estimating the fair value, different assumptions and factors could result in different fair value.

In addition, the notional amounts of derivatives in Note 25 are not indicative of the actual market risk involved in derivative transactions.

**(c) Estimated fair value of financial instruments**

Carrying value on the consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2017 and 2016, and difference between carrying value and estimated fair value, are shown in the following table. The following table does not include financial instruments for which it is extremely difficult to determine the fair value. See Note (ii) below:

As of March 31, 2017	Millions of yen			Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)		
	Carrying value* <sup>1</sup>	Estimated fair value* <sup>1</sup>	Difference	Carrying value* <sup>1</sup>	Estimated fair value* <sup>1</sup>	Difference
Cash and deposits	¥105,859	¥105,859	¥ —	\$ 943,569	\$ 943,569	\$ —
Notes and accounts receivable—trade	50,995	50,995	—	454,541	454,541	—
Investment securities						
Subsidiaries and affiliates securities	723	414	(308)	6,444	3,690	(2,745)
Available-for-sale securities	129,536	129,536	—	1,154,613	1,154,613	—
Notes and accounts payable—trade	(17,828)	(17,828)	—	(158,909)	(158,909)	—
Accounts payable—other and accrued expenses	(43,961)	(43,961)	—	(391,844)	(391,844)	—
Derivatives* <sup>2</sup>	148	148	—	1,319	1,319	—

As of March 31, 2016	Millions of yen		
	Carrying value* <sup>1</sup>	Estimated fair value* <sup>1</sup>	Difference
Cash and deposits	¥ 88,166	¥ 88,166	¥ —
Notes and accounts receivable—trade	49,026	49,026	—
Investment securities			
Subsidiaries and affiliates securities	714	340	(373)
Available-for-sale securities	93,690	93,690	—
Notes and accounts payable—trade	(19,353)	(19,353)	—
Accounts payable—other and accrued expenses	(37,222)	(37,222)	—
Derivatives* <sup>2</sup>	(139)	(139)	—

\*1 Figures in parentheses are liability items.

\*2 The value of assets and liabilities arising from derivatives is shown at net value, with net liability position shown in parentheses.

**Notes:**

**(i) Methods for computing the estimated fair value of financial instruments, securities and derivative transactions**

Cash and deposits and notes and accounts receivable—trade

Since these items are settled in a short period of time, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Investment securities

The fair value of stocks is based on quoted market prices. The fair value of debt securities is based on either the quoted market price or prices provided by the financial institutions making markets in these securities.

Information on securities classified by holding purpose is contained in Note 24.

Notes and accounts payable—trade and accounts payable—other and accrued expenses

Since these items are settled in a short period of time, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Derivative Transactions

See Note 25.

*(ii) Financial instruments for which it is extremely difficult to determine the fair value*

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
	2017	2016	2017
Carrying value			
Unlisted stocks	¥ 2,512	¥ 2,507	\$ 22,391
Long-term deposits received	9,102	15,041	81,130

Because no quoted market price is available and estimating their future cash flows is deemed to be prohibitively expensive, the estimated fair value of these financial instruments was extremely difficult to determine, and has not been disclosed.

*(iii) The redemption schedule for receivables and securities with maturities as of March 31, 2017 and 2016*

	Millions of yen				Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)			
	Within one year	Between one and five years	Between five and ten years	Over ten years	Within one year	Between one and five years	Between five and ten years	Over ten years
<b>As of March 31, 2017</b>								
Cash and deposits	¥105,859	¥—	¥—	¥—	\$ 943,569	\$—	\$—	\$—
Notes and accounts receivable—trade	50,995	—	—	—	454,541	—	—	—
Total	¥156,855	¥—	¥—	¥—	\$1,398,119	\$—	\$—	\$—
 <b>As of March 31, 2016</b>								
Cash and deposits	¥ 88,166	¥—	¥—	¥—				
Notes and accounts receivable—trade	49,026	—	—	—				
Total	¥137,192	¥—	¥—	¥—				

*(iv) The redemption schedule for long-term debt with maturities as of March 31, 2017 and 2016*

	Millions of yen					
	Within one year	Between one and two years	Between two and three years	Between three and four years	Between four and five years	Over five years
<b>As of March 31, 2017</b>						
Short-term loans payable	¥11,170	¥—	¥—	¥—	¥—	¥—
Long-term loans payable	30	30	10	—	—	—
Lease obligations	59	55	55	33	17	86
Other interest-bearing debt	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	¥11,260	¥85	¥65	¥33	¥17	¥86
 <b>As of March 31, 2017</b>						
Short-term loans payable	\$ 99,563	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Long-term loans payable	267	267	89	—	—	—
Lease obligations	526	490	490	294	152	767
Other interest-bearing debt	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	\$100,365	\$758	\$579	\$294	\$152	\$767
 <b>As of March 31, 2016</b>						
	Within one year	Between one and two years	Between two and three years	Between three and four years	Between four and five years	Over five years
Short-term loans payable	¥8,409	¥—	¥—	¥—	¥—	¥—
Long-term loans payable	30	30	30	10	—	—
Lease obligations	27	61	71	62	35	97
Other interest-bearing debt	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	¥8,467	¥92	¥102	¥72	¥35	¥97

## 24 Securities

### (a) Available-for-sale securities with fair market value

As of March 31, 2017	Millions of yen			Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)		
	Carrying value	Acquisition costs	Unrealized gain (loss)	Carrying value	Acquisition costs	Unrealized gain (loss)
<b>Securities whose carrying value exceeds their acquisition costs:</b>						
Stock	¥129,536	¥15,892	¥113,644	\$1,154,613	\$141,653	\$1,012,960
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>129,536</b>	<b>15,892</b>	<b>113,644</b>	<b>1,154,613</b>	<b>141,653</b>	<b>1,012,960</b>
<b>Securities whose carrying value does not exceed their acquisition costs:</b>						
Stock	¥ —	¥ —	¥ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>¥129,536</b>	<b>¥15,892</b>	<b>¥113,644</b>	<b>\$1,154,613</b>	<b>\$141,653</b>	<b>\$1,012,960</b>
As of March 31, 2016	Millions of yen			Unrealized gain (loss)		
	Carrying value	Acquisition costs				
<b>Securities whose carrying value exceeds their acquisition costs:</b>						
Stock	¥90,859	¥12,873	¥77,985			
Other	—	—	—			
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>90,859</b>	<b>12,873</b>	<b>77,985</b>			
<b>Securities whose carrying value does not exceed their acquisition costs:</b>						
Stock	2,831	3,036	(205)			
Other	—	—	—			
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,831</b>	<b>3,036</b>	<b>(205)</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>¥93,690</b>	<b>¥15,910</b>	<b>¥77,780</b>			

### (b) Available-for-sale securities sold during the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
	2017	2016	
Sales of available-for-sale securities	¥291	¥3	\$2,594
Gain on sales	259	3	2,309
Loss on sales	—	—	—

## 25 Derivatives and Hedging Activities

As of March 31, 2017 and 2016, there were no derivative transactions outstanding for which hedge accounting has not been applied. The notional amounts, the estimated fair value of notional amount, and the estimated fair value of derivative instruments outstanding as of March 31, 2017 and 2016, for which hedge accounting has been applied are summarized as follows:

As of March 31, 2017	Hedged items	Millions of yen			
		Total	Over one year	Estimated fair value of notional amount	Estimated fair value of derivative instruments
Foreign exchange forward contracts accounted for by benchmark method:					Prices provided by financial institution
Sell:	Accounts receivable				
Australian dollars		¥ —	¥ —	¥ —	¥ —
Canadian dollars		—	—	—	—
Euros		13,473	—	13,324	148
Foreign exchange forward contracts accounted for by allocation method:					Market prices
Sell:	Accounts receivable				
Australian dollars		—	—	—	—
Canadian dollars		—	—	—	—
Euros		815	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>		<b>¥14,288</b>	<b>¥ —</b>	<b>¥ —*</b>	<b>¥ —*</b>

\* The estimated fair value is included in the fair value of accounts receivable, since the foreign exchange forward contracts are accounted for as part of accounts receivable under the allocation method in hedge accounting.

As of March 31, 2017	Hedged items	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)			
		Total	Over one year	Estimated fair value of notional amount	Estimated fair value of derivative instruments
Foreign exchange forward contracts accounted for by benchmark method:					Prices provided by financial institution
Sell:	Accounts receivable				
Australian dollars		\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Canadian dollars		—	—	—	—
Euros		120,091	—	118,763	1,319
Foreign exchange forward contracts accounted for by allocation method:					Market prices
Sell:	Accounts receivable				
Australian dollars		—	—	—	—
Canadian dollars		—	—	—	—
Euros		7,264	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$127,355</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —*</b>	<b>\$ —*</b>

\* The estimated fair value is included in the fair value of accounts receivable, since the foreign exchange forward contracts are accounted for as part of accounts receivable under the allocation method in hedge accounting.

As of March 31, 2016	Hedged items	Millions of yen			
		Total	Over one year	Estimated fair value	Calculation of fair value
Foreign exchange forward contracts accounted for by benchmark method:					Prices provided by financial institution <sup>*2</sup>
Sell:	Accounts receivable				
Australian dollars		¥ 541	¥ —	¥ 563	
Canadian dollars		691	—	716	
Euros		12,495	—	12,588	
Foreign exchange forward contracts accounted for by allocation method:					Market prices
Sell:	Accounts receivable				
Australian dollars		217	—	—	
Canadian dollars		257	—	—	
Euros		2,362	—	—	
<b>Total</b>		<b>¥16,566</b>	<b>¥ —</b>	<b>¥ —*</b>	

\*1 The estimated fair value is included in the fair value of accounts receivable, since the foreign exchange forward contracts are accounted for as part of accounts receivable under the allocation method in hedge accounting.

\*2 The estimated fair value is the fair value of the notional amount, and the net value in payable of assets and liabilities arising from derivatives was ¥139 million.

## 26 Retirement Benefits

### (a) Outline of the Company's retirement benefit system

To provide employee retirement benefits, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries have funded and unfunded defined benefit pension plans and defined contribution pension plans.

The defined benefit pension plan (funded and unfunded plans) pays a lump-sum or an annual pension based on the employee compensation point system.

In certain cases, the Company pays employees who are retiring, etc., additional retirement benefits that are not considered to be retirement benefit obligations as calculated under actuarial methods based on retirement benefit accounting principles.

Certain consolidated subsidiaries that have defined benefit pension plans calculate net defined benefit liabilities and retirement benefit expenses using the simplified method.

### Revisions in the pension plans

Yamaha Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries revised their pension plans as of April 1, 2017, and made the transition of a portion of such plans from defined benefit to defined contribution plans.

Accompanying this, Yamaha has applied "Accounting Treatment of Pension Plan Transitions" (Corporate Accounting Application Guidelines No.1). As a consequence, the Company recognized an extraordinary loss due to transition to a defined contribution pension plan amounting to ¥892 million (\$7,951 thousand).

Please note that, as a result of this transition, the amount transferred to defined contribution plans was ¥7,241 million (\$64,542 thousand), and this amount was included in accounts payable—other and accrued expenses, and in long-term accounts payable.

### (b) Defined benefit pension plans

#### (1) Changes in the retirement benefit obligations for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 (excluding plans that apply the simplified method)

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
	2017	2016	2017
Retirement benefit obligations at the beginning of year	¥120,551	¥116,528	\$1,074,525
Service cost	4,665	4,446	41,581
Interest cost	544	1,188	4,849
Actuarial gain or loss	(1,123)	7,656	(10,010)
Retirement benefits paid	(8,571)	(8,969)	(76,397)
Prior service cost	(2,343)	—	(20,884)
Decrease due to transition to a defined contribution pension plan	(6,869)	—	(61,226)
Other	66	(299)	588
Retirement benefit obligations at end of year	¥106,920	¥120,551	\$953,026

#### (2) Changes in the plan assets for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 (excluding plans that apply the simplified method)

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
	2017	2016	2017
Plan assets at the beginning of year	¥83,994	¥86,450	\$748,676
Expected return on plan assets	1,659	1,712	14,787
Actuarial gain or loss	837	(2,825)	7,461
Contribution by the Yamaha Group	5,579	5,660	49,728
Retirement benefits paid	(6,550)	(6,910)	(58,383)
Other	42	(93)	374
Plan assets at end of year	¥85,563	¥83,994	\$762,662

## (3) Changes in net defined benefit liabilities for plans that apply the simplified method for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016	2017
Net defined benefit liabilities at the beginning of year	¥1,461	¥1,560	\$13,023
Retirement benefit expenses	237	219	2,112
Retirement benefits paid	(213)	(233)	(1,899)
Contribution to plan	(29)	(28)	(258)
Other	(27)	(56)	(241)
Net defined benefit liabilities at end of year	¥1,428	¥1,461	\$12,728

## (4) Reconciliation between the funded status of the plans (retirement benefit obligations and plan assets) and the amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheet (net defined benefit liabilities and net defined benefit assets) as of March 31, 2017 and 2016

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016	2017
Retirement benefit obligations of funded plans	¥ 89,328	¥102,797	\$ 796,221
Plan assets	(86,235)	(84,657)	(768,651)
	3,092	18,139	27,560
Retirement benefit obligations of unfunded plans	19,692	19,878	175,524
Net assets and liabilities recorded in the consolidated balance sheet	22,784	38,017	203,084
Net defined benefit liabilities	23,039	38,024	205,357
Net defined benefit assets	(254)	(6)	(2,264)
Net assets and liabilities recorded in the consolidated balance sheet	¥ 22,784	¥ 38,017	\$ 203,084

Note: Including plans that apply the simplified method

## (5) Components of retirement benefit expenses

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016	2017
Service cost	¥ 4,665	¥ 4,446	\$ 41,581
Interest cost	544	1,188	4,849
Expected return on plan assets	(1,659)	(1,712)	(14,787)
Amortization of actuarial gain or loss	3,385	1,154	30,172
Amortization of prior service cost	(475)	(414)	(4,234)
Retirement benefit expenses calculated by simplified method	237	219	2,112
Other	82	2	731
Retirement benefit expenses for defined benefit pension plans	6,781	4,884	60,442
Loss due to transition to a defined contribution pension plan	¥ 892	¥ —	\$ 7,951

Note: In the year ended March 31, 2017, other than the amount described above, the Company posted an extraordinary loss (business structural reform expenses) of ¥260 million (\$2,317 thousand) on premium severance pay and other contribution items in connection with the realignment of resort business.

## (6) Remeasurements of defined benefit plans

Components of remeasurements of defined benefit plans (before taxes)

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016	2017
Prior service cost	¥1,844	¥ (412)	\$16,436
Actuarial gain or loss	5,980	(9,274)	53,302
Total	¥7,824	¥(9,686)	\$69,739

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*(7) Accumulated adjustments of defined benefit plans*

Components of remeasurements of accumulated defined benefit plans (before taxes)

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
	2017	2016	
Unrecognized prior service cost	¥(2,284)	¥ (439)	\$ (20,358)
Unrecognized actuarial gain or loss	5,960	11,940	53,124
Total	¥ 3,676	¥11,500	\$ 32,766

*(8) Items for plan assets*

*(i) Components of plan assets*

Ratio of primary components of total plan assets

	2017	2016
Life insurance company general accounts	58%	58%
Stocks	20%	19%
Bonds	19%	19%
Cash and deposits	1%	2%
Other	2%	2%
Total	100%	100%

*(ii) Determining expected long-term rate of return*

In determining the long-term rate of return of plan assets, the Company considers the current and projected asset allocations, as well as the current and expected long-term investment returns from the various assets that constitute the plan assets.

*(9) Items related to the basis of actuarial calculation*

Items that form the primary basis for actuarial calculations as of March 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
Discount rate	0.5%	0.3%
Expected long-term rate of return	2.0%	2.0%

**(c) Defined contribution pension plans**

Required contributions to defined contribution pension plans of consolidated subsidiaries totaled ¥664 million (\$5,919 thousand) and ¥723 million in the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

In addition, aside from the above required contributions, the Company also posted ¥134 million (\$1,194 thousand) and ¥58 million of additional retirement benefit expenses in the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

## 27 Income Taxes

Income taxes in Japan applicable to the Company and its domestic consolidated subsidiaries comprised corporation tax, inhabitants' taxes, and enterprise tax which, in the aggregate, resulted in effective statutory tax rates of approximately 30.2% and 32.1% for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Income taxes of the overseas consolidated subsidiaries are, in general, based on the tax rates applicable in their respective countries of incorporation.

The major components of deferred tax assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2017 and 2016 are summarized as follows:

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016	2017
<b>Deferred tax assets:</b>			
Write-downs of inventories	¥ 1,769	¥ 1,727	\$ 15,768
Unrealized gain on inventories and property, plant and equipment	1,847	2,041	16,463
Allowance for doubtful accounts	319	306	2,843
Depreciation	7,214	7,372	64,302
Loss on impairment of fixed assets	3,616	6,780	32,231
Loss on valuation of investment securities	2,011	2,006	17,925
Accrued employees' bonuses	2,362	2,383	21,054
Provision for product warranties	310	546	2,763
Long-term accounts payable	2,186	—	19,485
Net defined benefit liabilities	6,568	11,178	58,544
Tax loss carryforwards	5,835	7,232	52,010
Other	5,275	5,067	47,018
Gross deferred tax assets	39,320	46,642	350,477
Valuation allowance	(13,282)	(33,976)	(118,388)
<b>Total deferred tax assets</b>	<b>¥ 26,037</b>	<b>¥ 12,666</b>	<b>\$ 232,080</b>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities:</b>			
Reserve for deferred gain on property, plant and equipment	¥ (820)	¥ (750)	\$ (7,309)
Reserve for special account for acquisition of replacement property	(2,204)	(2,204)	(19,645)
Reserve for special depreciation	(4)	(5)	(36)
Unrealized holding gain on securities	(33,485)	(22,855)	(298,467)
Other	(853)	(676)	(7,603)
<b>Total deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>(37,369)</b>	<b>(26,493)</b>	<b>(333,087)</b>
<b>Net deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>¥(11,331)</b>	<b>¥(13,827)</b>	<b>\$ (100,998)</b>

A reconciliation between the effective statutory tax rate and the effective tax rate for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	2017	2016
Effective statutory tax rate	30.2%	32.1%
Adjustments:		
Differences in tax rates of overseas consolidated subsidiaries	(1.7)	(2.7)
Non-temporary differences not deductible for tax purposes	(0.7)	(0.5)
Per capita inhabitants' taxes	0.4	0.5
Allowances for changes in valuation	(39.2)	(15.9)
Amortization of goodwill	1.6	7.4
Other	0.1	0.5
<b>Effective tax rate after adjustments for tax-effect accounting</b>	<b>(9.3)%</b>	<b>21.4%</b>

## 28 Segment Information

*For the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016*

### (a) Summary of reporting segments

Business segments are composed of business units that provide separate financial information, and are regularly reviewed by the Board of Directors of the Company for the purpose of business performance evaluation and management resource allocation decisions.

The Company's business segments, based on its economic features and similarity of products and services, comprise its two principal reporting segments, which are musical instruments and audio equipment. Other businesses have been grouped together in the "Others" segment.

The musical instruments business segment includes the manufacture and sales of pianos; digital musical instruments; wind, string, and percussion instruments; and other music-related activities. The audio equipment business segment includes the manufacture and sales of audio products, professional audio equipment, information and telecommunications equipment and certain other products. The "Others" segment includes electronic devices business, automobile interior wood components, factory automation (FA) equipment, golf products, recreation, and certain other lines of business.

### Change in business segments

From the beginning of this fiscal year, the reporting segment classification and presentation have been changed.

Accompanying the decrease in size of the electronic devices business, it has been excluded from the reporting segment and included in the others segment. Sales of this business to external customers in the previous fiscal year amounted to ¥13,068 million and segment income was ¥107 million.

Also, as a result of the review of the classification of businesses, the soundproof product business has been moved from the musical instruments segment to the audio equipment segment from the beginning of this fiscal year. The impact of this change was not material.

Please note that segment information of the previous fiscal year has been prepared and presented after the change in business segments.

### (b) Method for calculating the sales, income (loss), assets, liabilities, and other items for reporting segments

The accounting treatment for reporting segments is carried out through principles and procedures that are the same as those used for preparing the consolidated financial statements.

Figures for income in reporting segments are on an operating income basis.

Intersegment sales and transfers are based on prevailing market prices.

### Changes in the depreciation method for calculation of property, plant and equipment

Regarding the methods for calculation of depreciation of property, plant and equipment, previously, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries in Japan adopted the declining balance method, and overseas consolidated subsidiaries mainly applied the straight-line method for calculating depreciation. However, from the beginning of this fiscal year, the method for depreciation in the Company and its subsidiaries has been changed to the straight-line method.

As a result of this change, segment income of musical instruments, audio equipment, and others was ¥532 million (\$4,742 thousand), ¥164 million (\$1,462 thousand), and ¥49 million (\$437 thousand) higher than they would have been in the absence of this change, respectively.

## (c) Information by product and service

As of March 31,2017	Millions of yen						
	Reporting segment			Others	Total	Adjustments and elimination	Consolidated
	Musical instruments	Audio equipment	Total				
<b>Sales:</b>							
Sales to external customers	¥257,664	¥115,484	¥373,148	¥ 35,099	¥408,248	¥ —	¥408,248
Intersegment sales or transfers				402	402	(402)	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>257,664</b>	<b>115,484</b>	<b>373,148</b>	<b>35,501</b>	<b>408,650</b>	<b>(402)</b>	<b>408,248</b>
Segment income	¥ 32,138	¥ 10,447	¥ 42,586	¥ 1,716	¥ 44,302	¥ —	¥ 44,302
Segment assets	¥294,687	¥ 75,555	¥370,242	¥152,120	¥522,362	¥ —	¥522,362
<b>Other items:</b>							
Depreciation and amortization	¥ 7,245	¥ 2,920	¥ 10,166	¥ 978	¥ 11,145	¥ —	¥ 11,145
Loss on impairment of fixed assets	¥ 546	¥ 83	¥ 630	¥ 2,004	¥ 2,634	¥ —	¥ 2,634
Increase in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	¥ 11,469	¥ 4,047	¥ 15,516	¥ 2,364	¥ 17,881	¥ —	¥ 17,881

As of March 31,2017	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)						
	Reporting segment			Others	Total	Adjustments and elimination	Consolidated
	Musical instruments	Audio equipment	Total				
<b>Sales:</b>							
Sales to external customers	\$2,296,675	\$1,029,361	\$3,326,036	\$ 312,853	\$3,638,898	\$ —	\$3,638,898
Intersegment sales or transfers				3,583	3,583	(3,583)	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,296,675</b>	<b>1,029,361</b>	<b>3,326,036</b>	<b>316,436</b>	<b>3,642,482</b>	<b>(3,583)</b>	<b>3,638,898</b>
Segment income	\$ 286,460	\$ 93,119	\$ 379,588	\$ 15,295	\$ 394,884	\$ —	\$ 394,884
Segment assets	\$2,626,678	\$ 673,456	\$3,300,134	\$1,355,914	\$4,656,048	\$ —	\$4,656,048
<b>Other items:</b>							
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 64,578	\$ 26,027	\$ 90,614	\$ 8,717	\$ 99,340	\$ —	\$ 99,340
Loss on impairment of fixed assets	\$ 4,867	\$ 740	\$ 5,615	\$ 17,863	\$ 23,478	\$ —	\$ 23,478
Increase in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	\$ 102,228	\$ 36,073	\$ 138,301	\$ 21,071	\$ 159,381	\$ —	\$ 159,381

Notes: 1. The item "Adjustments and elimination" for fiscal 2017 contains the following:

The sales adjustment item of ¥(402) million (\$3,583 thousand) comprises eliminations of transactions among the Company's business segments.

2. "Segment income" for fiscal 2017 means the operating income of the segment as presented in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

3. Among the assets of the Others segment, the amounts of investment securities related to Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd. (the market value reported on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet) were ¥114,325 million (\$1,019,030 thousand).

As of March 31,2016	Millions of yen						
	Reporting segment			Others	Total	Adjustments and elimination	Consolidated
	Musical instruments	Audio equipment	Total				
<b>Sales:</b>							
Sales to external customers	¥277,370	¥120,881	¥398,251	¥ 37,225	¥435,477	¥ —	¥435,477
Intersegment sales or transfers				544	544	(544)	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>277,370</b>	<b>120,881</b>	<b>398,251</b>	<b>37,770</b>	<b>436,021</b>	<b>(544)</b>	<b>435,477</b>
Segment income	¥ 31,687	¥ 8,536	¥ 40,224	¥ 439	¥ 40,663	¥ —	¥ 40,663
Segment assets	¥272,309	¥ 81,433	¥353,742	¥116,002	¥469,745	¥ —	¥469,745
<b>Other items:</b>							
Depreciation and amortization	¥ 8,390	¥ 3,075	¥ 11,466	¥ 1,215	¥ 12,681	¥ —	¥ 12,681
Loss on impairment of fixed assets	¥ 882		¥ 882		¥ 882	¥ —	¥ 882
Increase in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	¥ 6,736	¥ 3,187	¥ 9,923	¥ 1,418	¥ 11,341	¥ —	¥ 11,341

Notes: 1. The item "Adjustments and elimination" for fiscal 2016 contains the following:

The sales adjustment item of ¥(544) million, which comprises eliminations of transactions among the Company's business segments.

2. "Segment income" for fiscal 2016 means the operating income of the segment as presented in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

3. Among the assets of the Others segment, the amounts of investment securities related to Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd. (the market value reported on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet) were ¥79,827 million.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

**(d) Information by geographical segment**

*(i) Sales information based on the geographical location of the customers*

Year ended March 31, 2017	Japan	Millions of yen					Consolidated
		North America (U.S.A.)	Europe	China	Asia, Oceania, and other areas	Total	
Net sales	¥138,404	¥ 83,032 (74,231)	¥76,463	¥45,827	¥64,520	¥269,843	¥408,248
Sales as a percentage of consolidated net sales	33.9%	20.3% (18.2)%	18.7%	11.2%	15.9%	66.1%	100.0%

Year ended March 31, 2017	Japan	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)					Consolidated
		North America (U.S.A.)	Europe	China	Asia, Oceania, and other areas	Total	
Net sales	\$1,233,657	\$ 740,102 (661,654)	\$681,549	\$408,477	\$575,096	\$2,405,232	\$3,638,898
Sales as a percentage of consolidated net sales	33.9%	20.3% (18.2)%	18.7%	11.2%	15.9%	66.1%	100.0%

Notes: 1. Sales information is based on the geographical location of customers, and is classified by country or region.

2. Main country and regional divisions other than Japan:

- (a) North America: U.S.A. and Canada
- (b) Europe: Germany, France, and U.K.
- (c) Asia, Oceania, and other areas: Republic of Korea, and Australia

Year ended March 31, 2016	Japan	Millions of yen					Consolidated
		North America	Europe	China	Asia, Oceania, and other areas	Total	
Net sales	¥145,033	¥88,234	¥82,205	¥120,003	¥290,443	¥435,477	
Sales as a percentage of consolidated net sales	33.3%	20.3%	18.9%	27.5%	66.7%	100.0%	

Notes: 1. Sales information is based on the geographical location of customers, and is classified by country or region.

2. Main country and regional divisions other than Japan:

- (a) North America: U.S.A. and Canada
- (b) Europe: Germany, France, and U.K.
- (c) Asia, Oceania, and other areas: People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, and Australia

*(ii) Sales, income (loss), assets and property, plant and equipment information based on group locations*

Year ended March 31, 2017	Millions of yen							
	Japan	North America	Europe	China	Asia, Oceania, and other areas	Total	Adjustments and elimination	Consolidated
<b>Sales:</b>								
Sales to external customers	¥147,306	¥86,991	¥76,664	¥40,077	¥ 57,207	¥408,248	¥ —	¥408,248
Intersegment sales or transfers	152,887	2,371	2,460	31,459	56,153	245,332	(245,332)	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>300,193</b>	<b>89,363</b>	<b>79,125</b>	<b>71,537</b>	<b>113,360</b>	<b>653,580</b>	<b>(245,332)</b>	<b>408,248</b>
Segment income	¥ 20,675	¥ 4,610	¥ 4,052	¥ 7,941	¥ 6,467	¥ 43,747	¥ 555	¥ 44,302
Segment assets	¥344,333	¥42,541	¥37,466	¥47,696	¥ 72,443	¥544,482	¥ (22,119)	¥522,362
Property, plant and equipment	¥ 75,880	¥ 1,768	¥ 3,183	¥10,793	¥ 13,851	¥105,475	¥ —	¥105,475
<b>Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)</b>								
Year ended March 31, 2017	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)							
	Japan	North America	Europe	China	Asia, Oceania, and other areas	Total	Adjustments and elimination	Consolidated
<b>Sales:</b>								
Sales to external customers	\$1,313,005	\$775,390	\$683,341	\$357,224	\$ 509,912	\$3,638,898	\$ —	\$3,638,898
Intersegment sales or transfers	1,362,751	21,134	21,927	280,408	500,517	2,186,755	(2,186,755)	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,675,755</b>	<b>796,533</b>	<b>705,277</b>	<b>637,642</b>	<b>1,010,429</b>	<b>5,825,653</b>	<b>(2,186,755)</b>	<b>3,638,898</b>
Segment income	\$ 184,286	\$ 41,091	\$ 36,117	\$ 70,782	\$ 57,643	\$ 389,937	\$ 4,947	\$ 394,884
Segment assets	\$3,069,195	\$379,187	\$333,951	\$425,136	\$ 645,717	\$4,853,213	\$ (197,157)	\$4,656,048
Property, plant and equipment	\$ 676,353	\$ 15,759	\$ 28,372	\$ 96,203	\$ 123,460	\$ 940,146	\$ —	\$ 940,146

Notes: 1. Sales information is based on Group locations where sales take place, and is classified by country or region.

2. Main country and regional divisions other than Japan:

This classification is the same as "Sales information based on the geographical location of the customers."

3. The item "Adjustments and elimination" contains the following:

The sales adjustment item of ¥(245,332) million (\$2,186,755) thousand comprises eliminations of transactions among the Company's business segments.

4. Consolidated segment income corresponds to operating income presented in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

Year ended March 31, 2016	Millions of yen							
	Japan	North America	Europe	China	Asia, Oceania, and other areas	Total	Adjustments and elimination	Consolidated
<b>Sales:</b>								
Sales to external customers	¥154,957	¥93,577	¥82,685	¥104,256	¥435,477	¥ —	¥435,477	
Intersegment sales or transfers	170,025	3,566	2,332	101,290	277,215	(277,215)	—	
<b>Total</b>	<b>324,983</b>	<b>97,143</b>	<b>85,017</b>	<b>205,547</b>	<b>712,692</b>	<b>(277,215)</b>	<b>435,477</b>	
Segment income (loss)	¥ 20,396	¥ 2,161	¥ 4,424	¥ 14,193	¥ 41,175	¥ (512)	¥ 40,663	
Segment assets	¥303,374	¥42,482	¥39,890	¥112,469	¥498,217	¥ (28,472)	¥469,745	
Property, plant and equipment	¥ 75,155	¥ 1,608	¥ 3,303	¥ 24,215	¥104,280	¥ —	¥104,280	

Notes: 1. Sales information is based on Group locations where sales take place, and is classified by country or region.

2. Main country and regional divisions other than Japan:

This classification is the same as "Sales information based on the geographical location of the customers."

3. The item "Adjustments and elimination" contains the following:

The sales adjustment item of ¥(277,215) million comprises eliminations of transactions among the Company's business segments.

4. Consolidated segment income corresponds to operating income presented in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

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**(e) Information related to the amount of amortization of goodwill and the unamortized amount of goodwill by reporting segment**  
*For the year ended March 31, 2017*

	Millions of yen		
	Musical instruments	Audio equipment	Others
Amounts amortized in the year ended	¥57	¥2,249	¥—
Balance as of March 31, 2017	¥57	¥ 3	¥—
	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)		
	Musical instruments	Audio equipment	Others
Amounts amortized in the year ended	\$508	\$20,046	\$—
Balance as of March 31, 2017	\$508	\$ 27	\$—

*For the year ended March 31, 2016*

	Millions of yen		
	Musical instruments	Audio equipment	Others
Amounts amortized in the year ended	¥5,651	¥3,901	¥—
Balance as of March 31, 2016	¥ 113	¥2,342	¥—

**(f) Information on gain on negative goodwill by reporting segment**

None

## 29 Amounts per Share

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
Years ended March 31	2017	2016	2017
Net income per share:			
Basic	¥249.17	¥168.90	\$2.22
As of March 31	2017	2016	2017
Net assets per share	¥1,948.01	¥1,601.55	\$17.36

Basic net income per share is computed based on the net income and the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during each year. Diluted net income per share for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 has not been presented because there were no potentially dilutive securities at March 31, 2017 and 2016.

Net assets per share are based on the number of shares of common stock outstanding at each balance sheet date.

The basic net income per share is calculated as follows:

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)
Years ended March 31	2017	2016	2017
Basic net income per share:			
Net income attributable to owners of parent	¥46,719	¥32,633	\$416,427
Amounts not attributable to shareholders of common stock	—	—	—
Net income attributable to shareholders of common stock	46,719	32,633	416,427
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding (shares)	187,500,903	193,210,820	—

## 30 Short-Term Loans Payable and Long-Term Debt

Short-term and long-term loans payable, lease obligations, and guarantee deposits as of March 31, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 5)	
	2017	2016	2017
Short-term loans payable	¥11,170	¥8,409	\$ 99,563
Current portion of long-term loans payable	30	30	267
Current portion of lease obligations	59	27	526
Long-term loans payable	40	71	357
Lease obligations	248	328	2,211
Guarantee deposits	39	48	348
Total	¥11,589	¥8,915	\$103,298

The annual weighted-average interest rates applicable to above short-term loans payable and long-term debt at March 31, 2017 were as follows:

	2017
Short-term loans payable	1.5%
Current portion of long-term loans payable	1.8%
Long-term loans payable	1.8%
Guarantee deposits	1.3%

Note: The average interest rate shown above is the weighted average of the interest rates on loans calculated by using the balance of such obligations outstanding at the end of the year. For lease obligations, no average interest rate is shown because the amounts in the consolidated balance sheet include the amounts corresponding to interest paid from total lease payments.

## 31 Related Party Transactions

None

## 32 Subsequent Events

None

# Independent Auditor's Report



Ernst &amp; Young ShinNihon LLC

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## Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Directors  
YAMAHA CORPORATION

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of YAMAHA CORPORATION and its consolidated subsidiaries, which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at March 31, 2017, and the consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, all expressed in Japanese yen.

*Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan, and for designing and operating such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

*Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Japan. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. The purpose of an audit of the consolidated financial statements is not to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control, but in making these risk assessments the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

*Opinion*

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of YAMAHA CORPORATION and its consolidated subsidiaries as at March 31, 2017, and their consolidated financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan.

*Convenience Translation*

We have reviewed the translation of these consolidated financial statements into U.S. dollars, presented for the convenience of readers, and, in our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements have been properly translated on the basis described in Note 5.

*Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC*  
June 23, 2017  
Hamamatsu, Japan

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# Investor Information

(As of March 31, 2017)

**■ Head Office**  
10-1, Nakazawa-cho, Naka-ku, Hamamatsu, Shizuoka  
430-8650, Japan

**■ Date of Establishment**  
October 12, 1897

**■ Stated Capital**  
¥28,534 million

**■ Number of Employees (Consolidated)**  
20,175 (Excludes average number of temporary employees: 7,938)

**■ Number of Consolidated Subsidiaries**  
66

**■ Account Settlement Date**  
March 31

**■ Dividends**  
Year-end: To the shareholders of record on March 31  
Interim: To the shareholders of record on September 30

**■ Number of Shares of Common Stock**  
Authorized: 700,000,000  
Issued: 197,255,025 (includes treasury stock of 8,971,933)

**■ Stock Exchange Listing**  
Tokyo  
First Section, Code No. 7951

**■ Administrator of Shareholders' Registry**  
The Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited  
Stock Transfer Agency Department  
3-15-33, Sakae, Naka-ku, Nagoya, Aichi 460-8685, Japan

**■ Depository for American Depository Receipt**  
Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas  
DR Exchange: OTC  
Ticker Symbol: YAMCY  
Ratio: 1 share of common stock = 1 ADR  
U.S. Securities Code: 9846271099  
Type: Level 1 with sponsor bank

**■ Public Notices**  
Shall be issued electronically at  
<http://jp.yamaha.com/> (only in Japanese), except when an accident or other unavoidable occurrence prevents this, in which case they shall be released in the *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* business daily released in Tokyo.

**■ Ordinary General Shareholders' Meeting**  
June

**■ Accounting Auditor**  
Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC

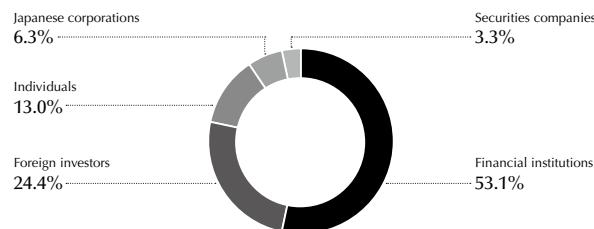
**■ Number of Shareholders**  
23,118

## ■ Shareholder Composition

	Number of shareholders	Number of shares (Thousands of shares)
Individuals	22,218	25,586
Financial institutions	70	104,693
Japanese corporations	231	12,386
Foreign investors	543	48,079
Securities companies	56	6,509

Note: The figure for individuals includes treasury stock.

## ■ Shareholder Composition (Number of shares)



## ■ Main Shareholders

	Shareholding ratio (%)
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (trust a/c)	12.22
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (trust a/c)	8.69
Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.	5.51
Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co., Ltd.	4.27
The Shizuoka Bank, Ltd.	4.23
Sumitomo Life Insurance Company	3.89
Mizuho Bank, Ltd.	3.86
Nippon Life Insurance Company	2.67
Trust & Custody Services Bank, Ltd. (securities investment trust a/c)	1.87
State Street Bank and Trust Company 505223	1.46

Note: The shareholding ratio is calculated by excluding treasury stock amounting to 9,820,691 shares from total outstanding shares.

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# Our History

The Yamaha Group is steadily expanding its business operations guided by its corporate philosophy which continues to be upheld to this day. Drawing upon the accumulated unique Yamaha qualities that Yamaha has cultivated in its 130-year history, Yamaha will continue to create products and services that contribute to the development of musical culture and the enrichment of society. In this way, Yamaha will continue on its path for growth.

## Before the 1930s —> 1940 to 1980s

1887 Company founder Torakusu Yamaha repairs elementary school's reed organ and successfully builds his first reed organ



1889 Establishes Yamaha Fukin Seizoujo (currently Yamaha Corporation)

1890 Establishes organ factory at its headquarters

1897 Establishes Nippon Gakki Co., Ltd. (currently Yamaha Corporation)

1900 Begins production of upright pianos

1939 Creates Guiding Principles of Yamaha

► 1



► 1 Inheriting the spirit of Yamaha

The Guiding Principles of Yamaha set out the Company's expectations for how each employee should act. Today, the original spirit of Yamaha still remains, embodied in the values upheld by its employees, such as kindness and sincerity, perseverance, continuous improvement, and a commitment to contribute to society.

1949 Lists on Tokyo Stock Exchange

1954 Establishes Yamaha Music School and holds pilot classes

► 2



Produces its first audio product (HiFi player)

► 3

Begins production of motorcycles

1955 Establishes Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd. (splits off motorcycle division)



1958 Begins production of sports equipment (fiber-reinforced plastics [FRP] archery products)

Establishes first overseas subsidiary, Yamaha de México S.A. in Mexico

► 4



1959 Begins production of electronic organs (Electone™)

1960 Establishes subsidiary in United States, Yamaha International Corporation (currently Yamaha Corporation of America)

1962 Begins recreation business

► 2 Working to expand the population of music players

Yamaha decided its mission was not only to sell musical instruments but also to bring the joy of playing music to as many people as possible. Accordingly, Yamaha took initiatives to expand the population of music players.

► 3 Developing businesses born from a passion for creating sound

By drawing on accumulated technologies and sensitivities associated with the playing of musical instruments, the Company developed the Yamaha HiFi player. Its manufacture led to the production of various other products, including pre-main amplifiers and speakers.

# 1990 to 2017

**1965** Begins production of wind instruments

**1966** Establishes Yamaha Music Foundation (becomes general incorporated foundation in 2011)

Expands into Europe with founding of Yamaha Europa GmbH in former West Germany

**1968** Issues shares at market price (the first such issuance in Japan)

**1971** Begins production of semiconductors

**1980** Establishes Yamaha Piano Technical Academy, a piano tuner training school

**1987** Changes corporate name from Nippon Gakki Co., Ltd. to Yamaha Corporation to mark 100th year in business

Opens Yamaha English language school

**1989** Establishes subsidiary in China, Tianjin Yamaha Electronic Musical Instruments, Inc., for manufacture and sale of digital musical instruments



**1993** Begins sales of SILENT Piano™ ➤ **5**

**2002** Establishes Yamaha Music & Electronics (China) Co., Ltd.

Establishes Yamaha Music Holding Europe GmbH in Germany (currently Yamaha Music Europe GmbH)

**2003** Establishes a Level 1 American Depository Receipt (ADR) program

**2005** Acquires German audio software house Steinberg Media Technologies GmbH

**2007** Establishes music entertainment business holding company Yamaha Music Entertainment Holdings, Inc.

**2008** Acquires Austrian piano manufacturer L. Bösendorfer Klavierfabrik GmbH

Acquires French loudspeaker manufacturer NEXO S.A.

**2010** Completes integration of Japanese piano factories into Kakegawa plant

**2012** Completes integration of Japanese wind instrument factories into Toyooka plant

Celebrates 125th year in business

**2014** Acquires U.S. musical instrument and audio equipment manufacturer Line 6, Inc.

Acquires U.S. provider of wireless audio solutions Revolabs, Inc. ➤ **6**



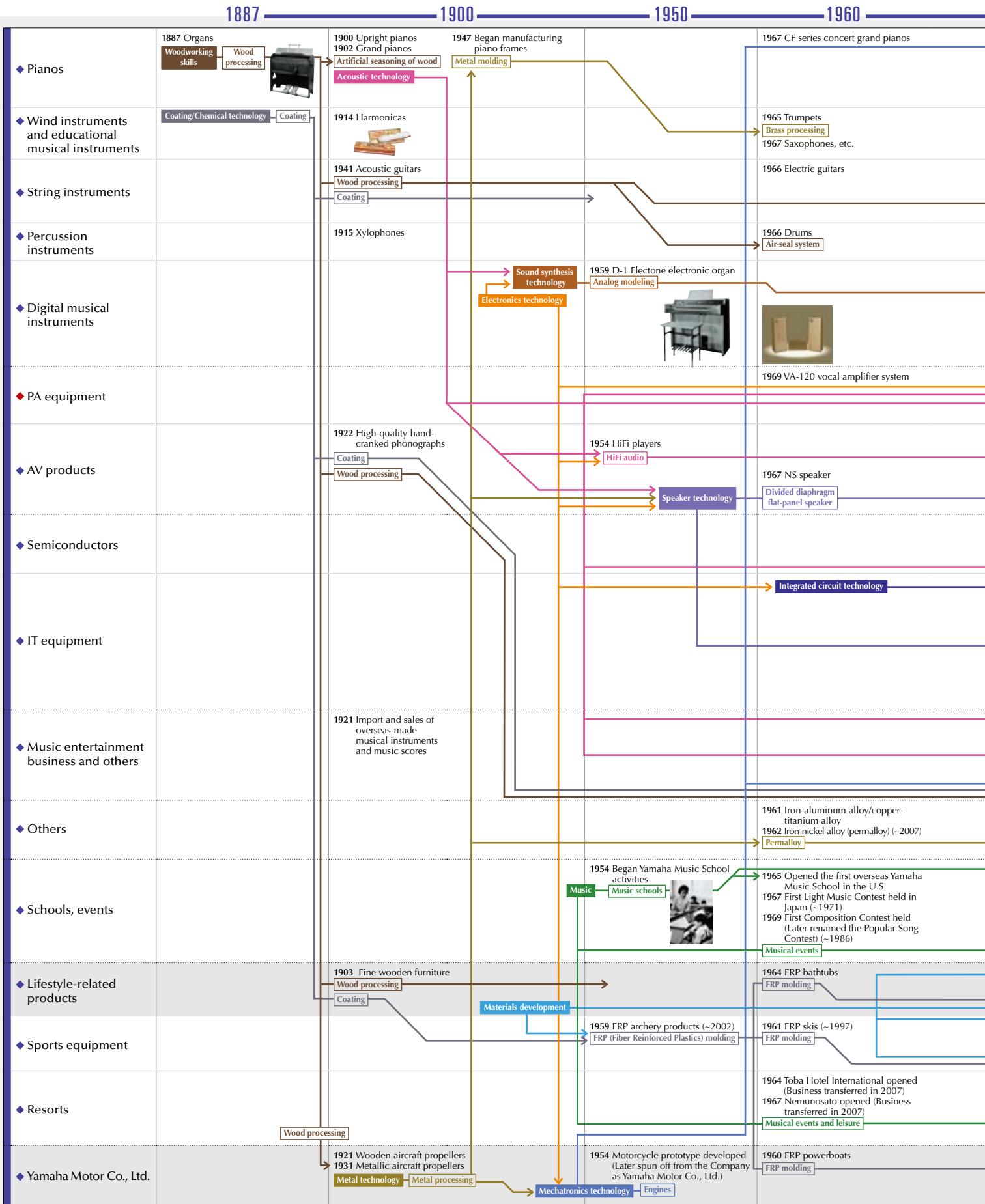
## ➤ 4 Expanding overseas

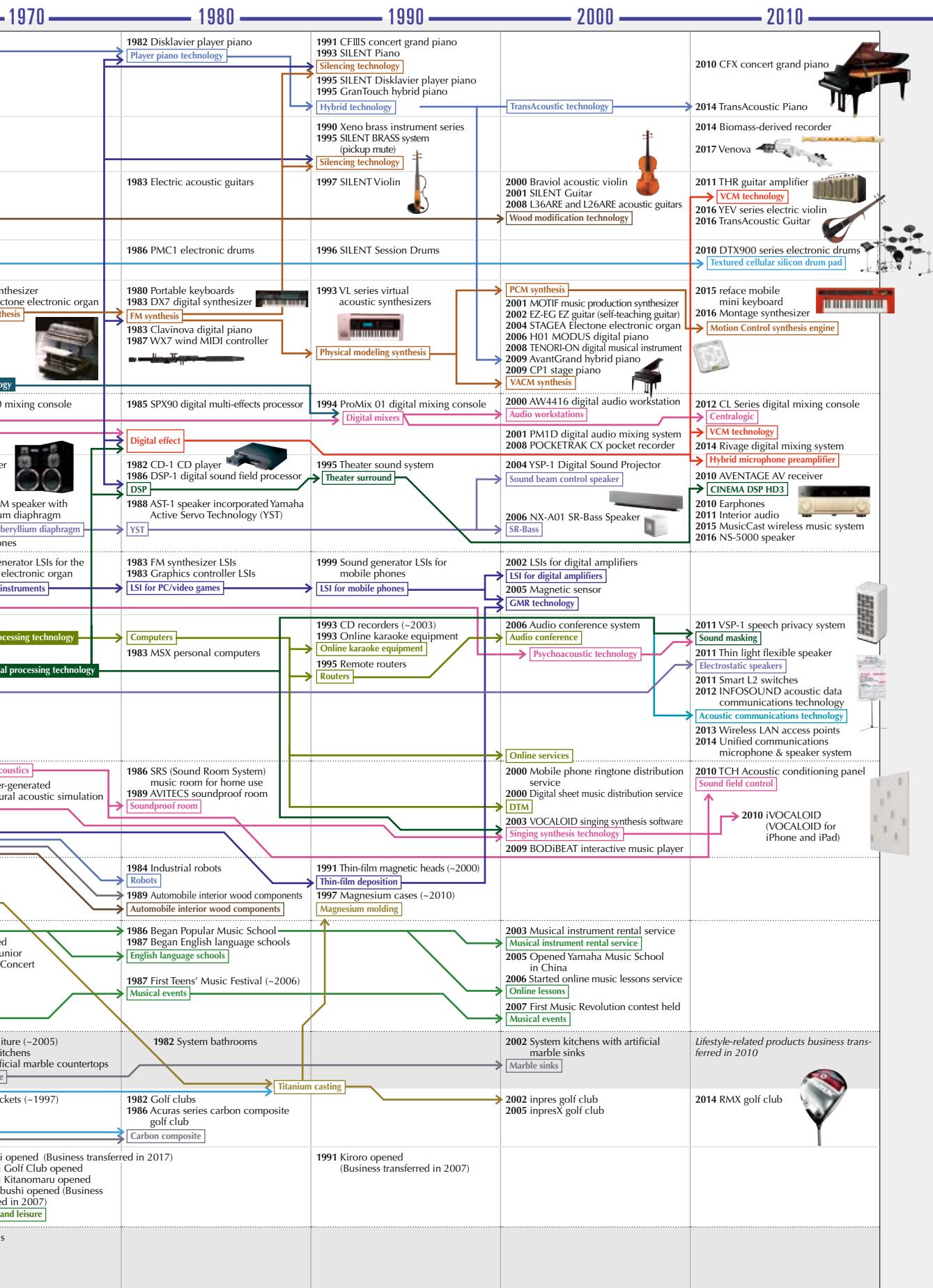
Since the establishment of its first overseas subsidiary in Mexico, Yamaha has expanded into the United States, Europe, and the rest of Asia. By pursuing business activities that are attuned to each location, Yamaha successfully made its way into new markets.

## ➤ 5 Melding acoustic and digital technologies

With the launch of its SILENT Piano in 1993, Yamaha developed numerous musical instruments in the SILENT™ series as well as its range of hybrid pianos, skillfully melding the traditional technologies of acoustic musical instrument creation with digital audio technology.

# Yamaha Product History

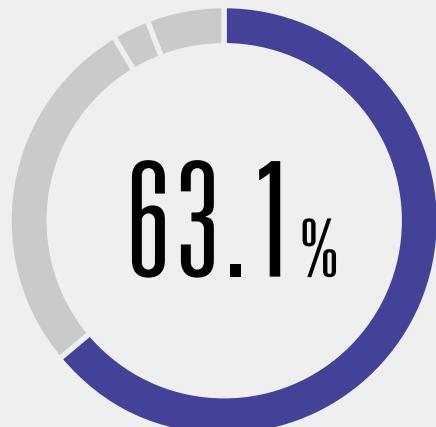




## Our Business

# Musical Instruments

Segment Sales Proportion



Business Strengths

- Wealth of core technical expertise based on traditional craftsmanship in acoustics and advanced digital technology
- Development of high-quality products by forging close relationships with artists
- Manufacturing of high-value-added musical instruments utilizing cutting-edge electronics technology
- Global strategy built on Yamaha's localized marketing and service activities in each country
- Variety of activities through the operation of music schools to increase the music-playing population

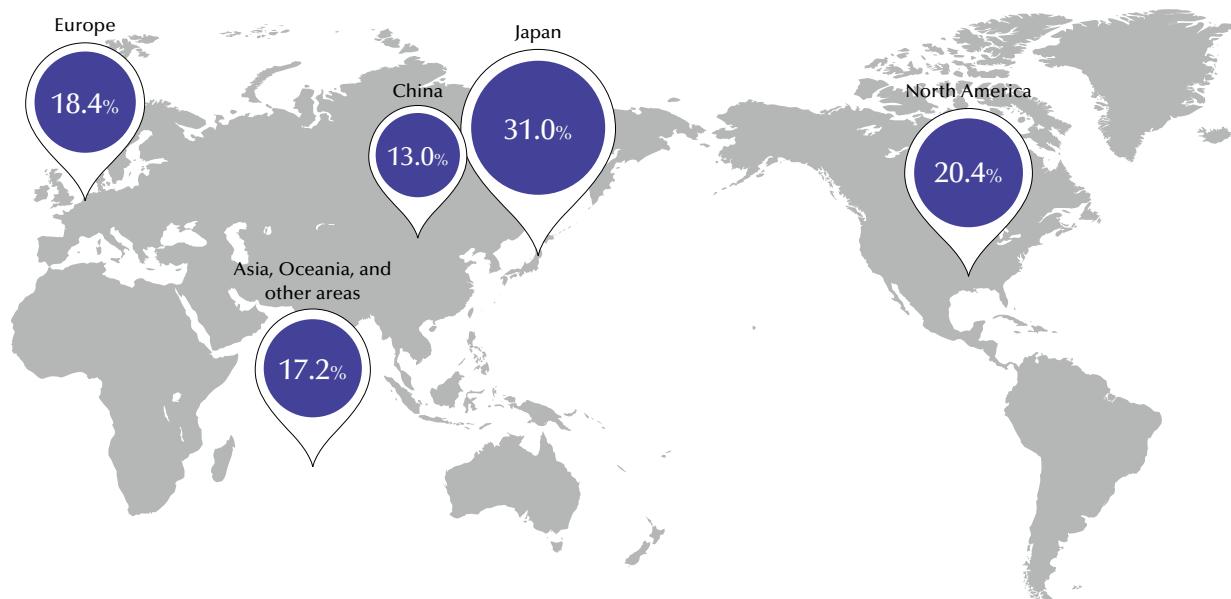
Sales

¥257.7  
billion

Operating Income

¥32.1  
billion

Sales Proportion of Musical Instruments by Region



## Major Products & Services

### Pianos

Digital musical instruments (digital pianos, Electone™, portable keyboards, synthesizers, etc.)

Wind instruments (trumpets, flutes, saxophones, etc.)

String instruments (guitars, violins, etc.)

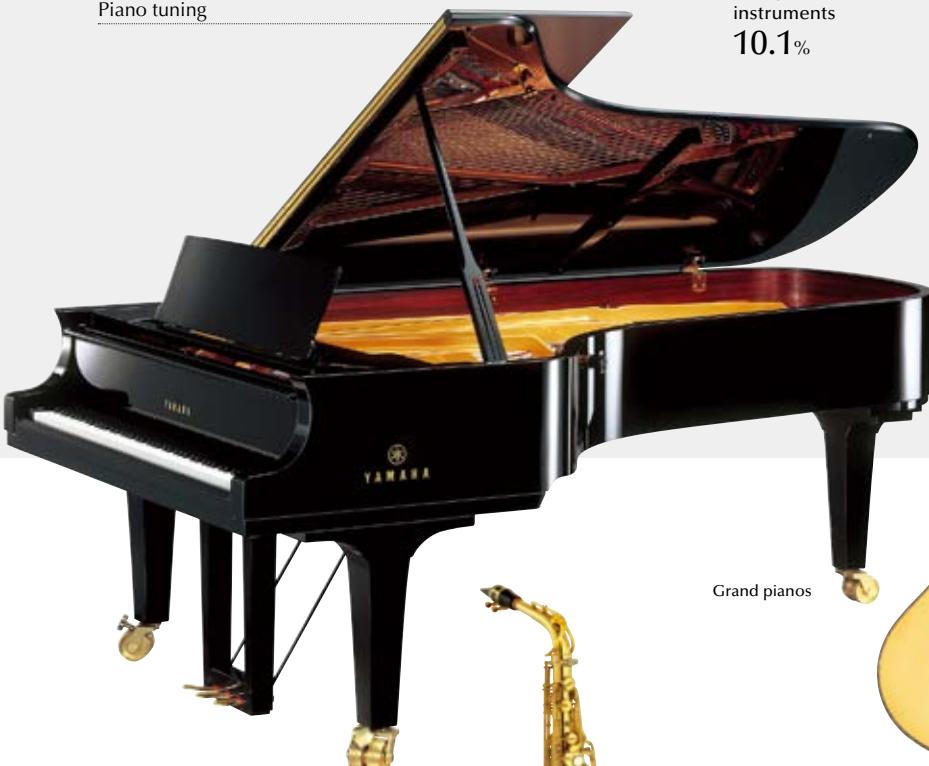
Percussion instruments (drums, timpani, marimbas, etc.)

Educational musical instruments (recorders, Pianica™, etc.)

Music schools, English language schools

Music entertainment business

Piano tuning



Trumpets

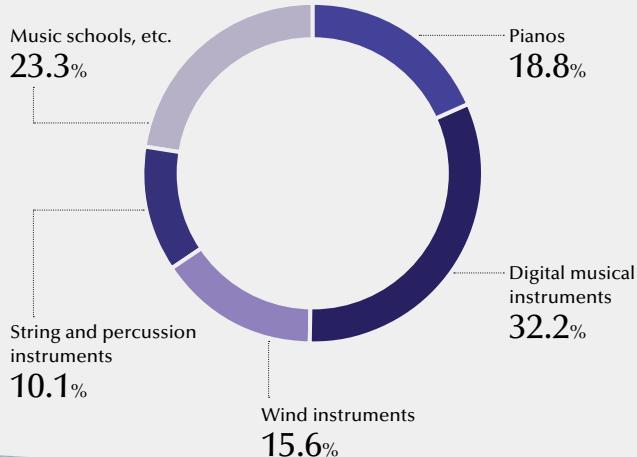


Portable keyboards



Electric violins

## Sales Proportion by Product Category



Acoustic guitars



Digital pianos



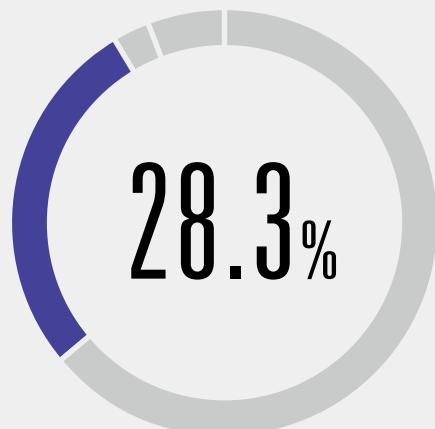
Acoustic drums



Music schools

# Audio Equipment

## Segment Sales Proportion



Sales  
¥115.5  
billion

Operating Income  
¥10.4  
billion

## Business Strengths

- High-quality sound technology in AV components and HiFi audio products
- Audio network technology such as MusicCast™ in a wide variety of home audio products
- Provision of system solutions using digital network technology for professional audio equipment
- Internet VPN and backup solutions for the enterprise by VPN router and visualization solutions for small and medium-scale LAN by the switch and AP
- Signal processing technology for high-quality sound and wide coverage of microphone speakers for Unified Communication market

## Major Products & Services

Audio products (AV receivers, speaker systems, front surround speakers, desktop audio systems, etc.)

PA equipment (mixers, power amplifiers, etc.)

Commercial online karaoke equipment

Enterprise network equipment (routers, switches, wireless LAN access points)

Telecommunications peripheral devices

Soundproof rooms (AVITECS™)



Integrated audio production system



Unified Communication speakerphones



Commercial installed sound speakers



Digital mixing consoles



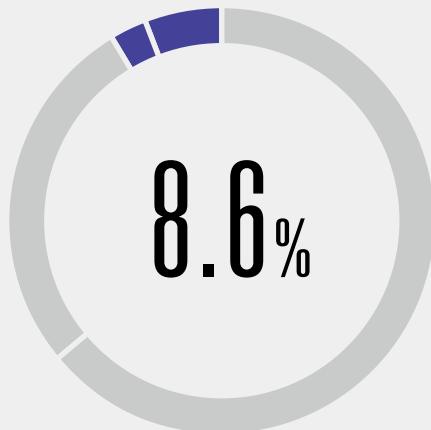
Line-array speakers



Wireless streaming speakers

# Others

## Segment Sales Proportion



## Business Overview

Provides solutions for realizing a more comfortable and convenient society centered on audio technologies, elemental and material technologies, and machine control technologies

Note: As of Fiscal 2017, the electronic devices segment has been abolished. However, the Company still maintains the electronic devices business, which is now included in the others segment.

## Major Products & Services

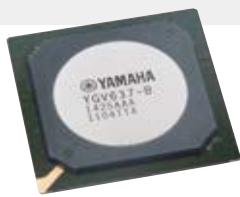
### Industrial Machinery / Components

- Electronic devices
- Automobile interior wood components
- Factory automation (FA) equipment

### Golf products and others

Sales  
¥35.1  
billion

Operating Income  
¥1.7  
billion



Graphic controller  
for amusement  
equipment



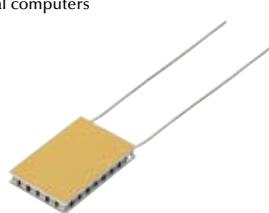
Speakers for high resolution  
personal computers



Golf  
products



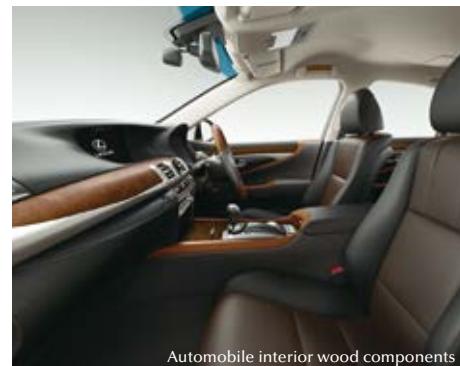
FA equipment



Peltier modules



Modules for in-vehicle,  
hands-free telephone calls



Automobile interior wood components

## Overseas Network

Company name	Location	Company name	Location
① Yamaha Corporation of America	California, U.S.A.	②6 Yamaha Music & Electronics Taiwan Co., Ltd.	Taipei, Taiwan
② Yamaha Music InterActive, Inc.	California, U.S.A.	②7 Yamaha Music & Electronics (China) Co., Ltd.	Shanghai, China
③ YMH Digital Music Publishing, LLC*1	California, U.S.A.	②8 Yamaha Music Technical (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	Shanghai, China
④ Line 6, Inc.	California, U.S.A.	②9 Yamaha Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	Shanghai, China
⑤ Revolabs, Inc.	Massachusetts, U.S.A.	⑩ Yamaha Electronics (Suzhou) Co., Ltd.	Suzhou, China
⑥ Yamaha Artist Services, Inc.	New York, U.S.A.	⑪ Xiaoshan Yamaha Musical Instruments Co., Ltd.	Hangzhou, China
⑦ Yamaha Canada Music Ltd.	Toronto, Canada	⑫ Hangzhou Yamaha Musical Instruments Co., Ltd.	Hangzhou, China
⑧ Yamaha de México, S.A. de C.V.	Mexico City, Mexico	⑬ Tianjin Yamaha Electronic Musical Instruments, Inc.	Tianjin, China
⑨ Yamaha Music Latin America, S.A.	Panama City, Panama	⑭ Shenzhen Yamaha Music & Electronics Trading Co., Ltd.*2	Shenzhen, China
⑩ Branch in Argentina	Buenos Aires, Argentina	⑮ Yamaha Music Korea Ltd.	Seoul, South Korea
⑪ Yamaha Musical do Brasil Ltda.	São Paulo, Brazil	⑯ Yamaha Music (Asia) Private Limited	Singapore
⑫ Yamaha Music Europe GmbH	Rellingen, Germany	⑰ Yamaha Music (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.	Petaling Jaya, Malaysia
⑬ Branch in France	Croissy-Beaubourg, France	⑱ Yamaha Electronics Manufacturing (M) Sdn. Bhd.	Chemor, Malaysia
⑭ Branch in Italy	Milan, Italy	⑲ PT. Yamaha Indonesia	East Jakarta, Indonesia
⑮ Branch in Ibérica	Madrid, Spain	⑳ PT. Yamaha Music Manufacturing Indonesia	East Jakarta, Indonesia
⑯ Branch in the U.K.	Milton Keynes, U.K.	㉑ PT. Yamaha Musik Indonesia (Distributor)	Central Jakarta, Indonesia
⑰ Branch in Scandinavia	Gothenburg, Sweden	㉒ PT. Yamaha Music Manufacturing Asia	Bekasi, Indonesia
⑱ Branch in Switzerland	Thalwil, Switzerland	㉓ PT. Yamaha Musical Products Asia	Bekasi, Indonesia
⑲ Branch in Austria	Vienna, Austria	㉔ PT. Yamaha Musical Products Indonesia	Pasuruan, Indonesia
㉐ Branch in Benelux	Vianen, Netherlands	㉕ PT. Yamaha Electronics Manufacturing Indonesia	Pasuruan, Indonesia
㉑ Branch in Poland	Warsaw, Poland	㉖ Siam Music Yamaha Co., Ltd.*2	Bangkok, Thailand
㉒ Branch in Turkey	Istanbul, Turkey	㉗ Yamaha Music Vietnam Company Limited	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
㉓ Steinberg Media Technologies GmbH	Hamburg, Germany	㉘ Yamaha Music India Pvt. Ltd.	Gurgaon, India
㉔ Nexo S.A.	Plailly, France	㉙ Yamaha Music Gulf FZE	Dubai, U.A.E.
㉕ L. Bösendorfer Klavierfabrik GmbH	Wiener Neustadt, Austria	㉚ Yamaha Music (Russia) LLC.	Moscow, Russia
		㉛ Yamaha Music Australia Pty. Ltd.	Melbourne, Australia

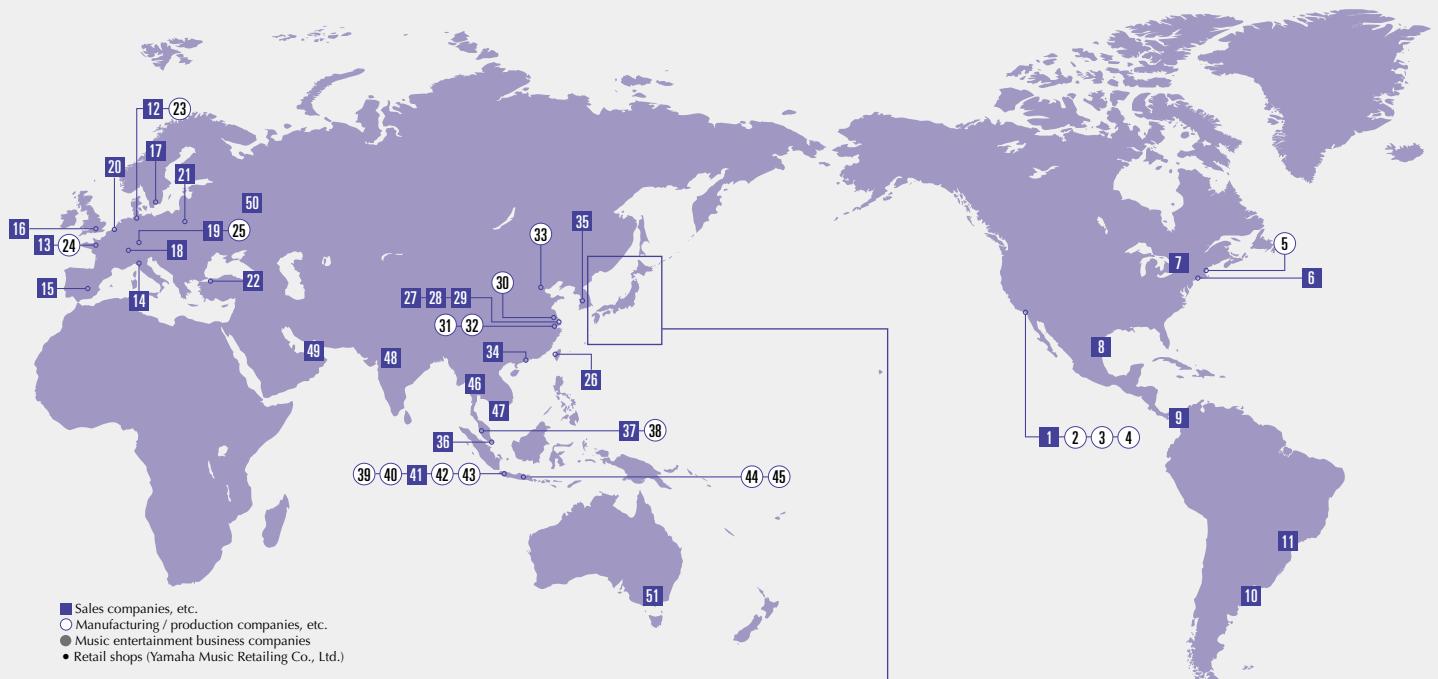
## Domestic Network

Company name	Location	Company name	Location
① Kitami Mokuzai Co., Ltd.	Mombetsu-gun, Hokkaido, Japan	⑨ Yamaha Resort Inc.	Fukuroi, Shizuoka, Japan
② Sakuraba Mokuzai Co., Ltd.	Kitaakita, Akita, Japan	⑩ Yamaha Music Manufacturing Japan Corporation	Iwata, Shizuoka, Japan
③ Yamaha Music Japan Co., Ltd.	Minato, Tokyo, Japan	⑪ Yamaha Hi-Tech Design Corporation	Iwata, Shizuoka, Japan
④ Yamaha Music Retailing Co., Ltd.	Minato, Tokyo, Japan	⑫ Yamaha Piano Service Co., Ltd.	Hamamatsu, Shizuoka, Japan
⑤ Yamaha Sound Systems Inc.	Chuo, Tokyo, Japan	⑬ Yamaha Business Support Corporation	Hamamatsu, Shizuoka, Japan
⑥ Yamaha Music Entertainment Holdings, Inc.	Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan	⑭ Yamaha Ai Works Co., Ltd.*2	Hamamatsu, Shizuoka, Japan
⑦ Yamaha Music Communications Co., Ltd.	Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan	⑮ Yamaha Fine Technologies Co., Ltd.	Hamamatsu, Shizuoka, Japan
⑧ Matsukiya Co., Ltd.	Fukui, Japan	⑯ Yamaha Travel Service Co., Ltd.	Hamamatsu, Shizuoka, Japan
		㉗ Jeugia Corporation*1	Kyoto, Japan

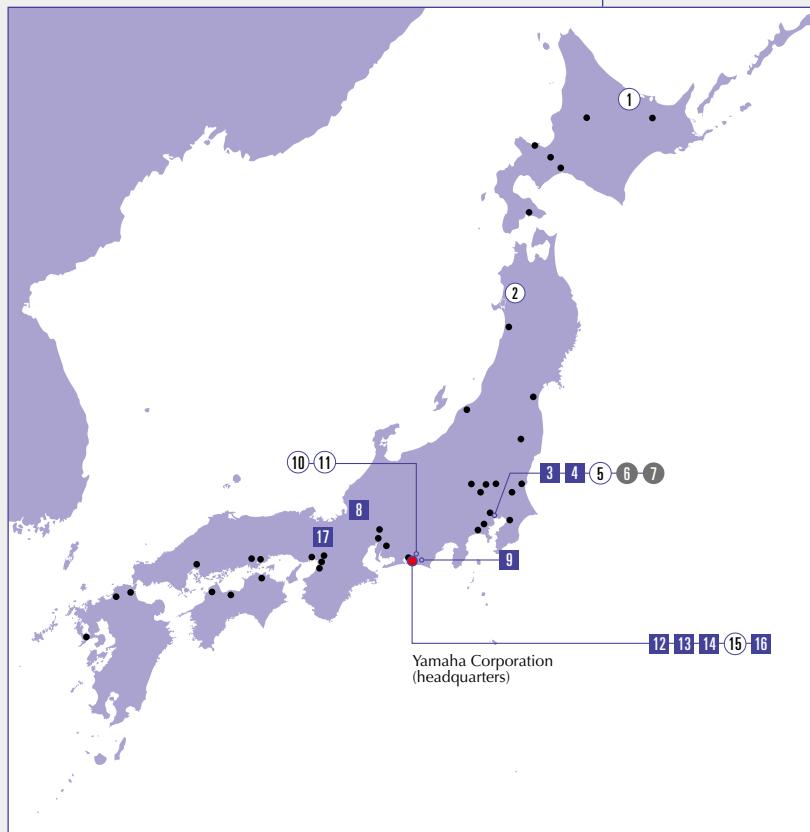
\*1 Equity-method affiliates

\*2 Non-consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates

## Overseas Network

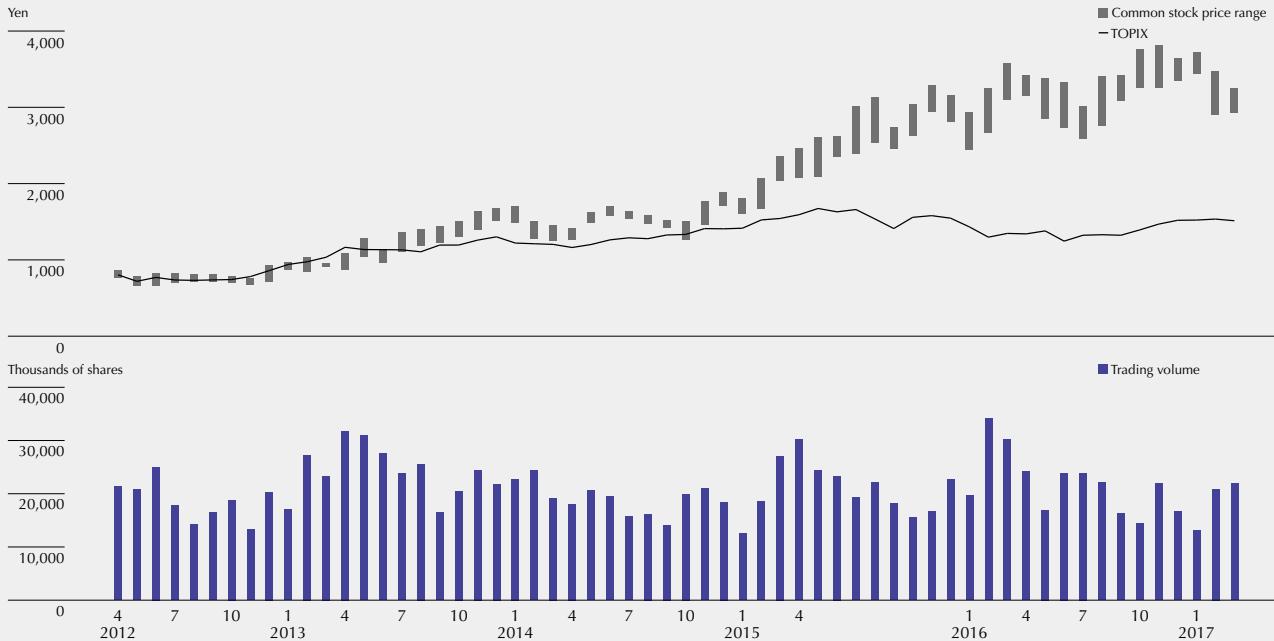


## Domestic Network



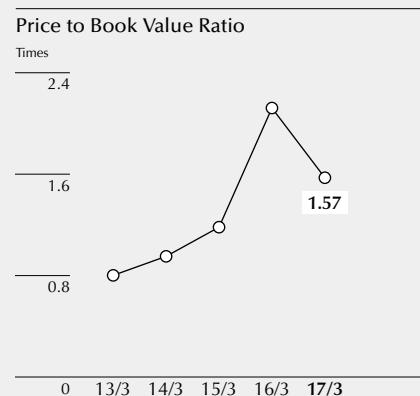
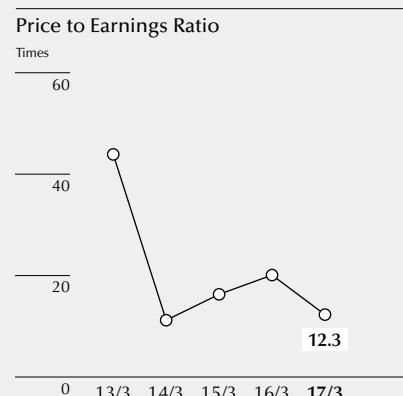
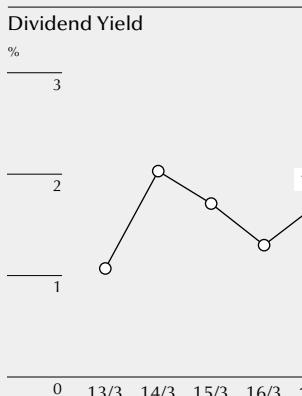
## Stock Information (As of March 31, 2017)

### Common Stock Price Range and Trading Volume



Fiscal year ended	2013/3	2014/3	2015/3	2016/3	2017/3
Share price at the end of fiscal year (Yen)	934	1,329	2,104	3,390	<b>3,065</b>
Share price — high (Yen)	1,035	1,705	2,355	3,575	<b>3,820</b>
Share price — low (Yen)	654	873	1,267	2,083	<b>2,588</b>
Trading volume (Million shares)	281	340	268	276	<b>288</b>

Fiscal year ended	2013/3	2014/3	2015/3	2016/3	2017/3
Dividend yield (%)	1.07	2.03	1.71	1.30	<b>1.70</b>
Price to earnings ratio (Times)	43.9	11.2	16.3	20.1	<b>12.3</b>
Price to book value ratio (Times)	0.80	0.95	1.18	2.12	<b>1.57</b>
Number of shares issued (Thousand shares)	197,255	197,255	197,255	197,255	<b>197,255</b>
Market capitalization at the end of fiscal year (Millions of yen)	184,236	262,152	415,025	668,695	<b>604,587</b>
Percentage of shares owned by foreign investors (%)	26.4	29.0	31.4	25.2	<b>24.4</b>



# Website Guide

Find out more about the activities of Yamaha not included in this report on the Company website.



**Corporate website**  
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## Investor Relations

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## Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

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## Yamaha Design

<https://www.yamaha.com/en/about/design/>



The "DESIGN" page offers a summary of Yamaha's passion toward design. The page features interviews with our designers and introduces our philosophy for and concept of design.

## I Play Yamaha

<https://www.yamaha.com/en/ipy/>



"I Play Yamaha" is a short video compilation created by artists who play our instruments. We are proud to have many outstanding artists choose our instruments for their musical expression. Please enjoy this compilation of great performances.



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